Dean defends priorities amid mixed results

By Benjamin Strawbridge

STAFF WRITER

Amid growing concerns from students and community members over the state of financial and academic affairs at the University of New Hampshire (UNH), President James W. Dean, Jr., used his annual State of the University address at the Harnel Recreation Center (HRC) on Tuesday to defend his “strategic priorities” and desire to make UNH a “top 25” university despite “limited resources,” a mission dubbed the “future of UNH.”

Dean’s attempts to ease those concerns, however, failed to sway a group of roughly six students, who protested on Tuesday during the president’s “Building Financial Strength” segment by holding up signs reading “Fight For Us, Stop The Cuts” and chanting lines such as “What do we want? Stop the Cuts! When do we want them? Now!” The demonstration lasted for nearly two minutes before the students peacefully departed the event without police or administrative action.

William Miller Hardesty-Dyck, a second-year graduate student who claimed to have led the demonstration, told reporters, including The New Hampshire, that it stemmed from Dean’s announcement of potential staff layoffs as well as the release of 17 lecturers last year following UNH’s decision to not renew their contracts.

In an email to a group of students here who are concerned about the trajectory of the university, specifically all those cuts, Hardesty-Dyck said, “I mean, we’re shedding lecturers, we’re shedding staff now, and it’s time for the university administration. I think, to buck up and fight for us in terms of getting more state funding, fighting for that at the governor’s office [and] statehouse…”

The priorities, introduced at last year’s address, consist of four intertwined yet unique missions fighting for that at the governor’s office and the community college’s “credit hour threshold,” all as part of the “strategic priorities” to develop UNH more accessible to students and faculty from across the country and beyond; “Embrace New Hampshire,” designed to attract collaborations between UNH and outside organizations, legislative bodies and various schools up and down the state; and “Build Financial Strength,” which seeks to make UNH a “national leader in cost management;” aligning its budget and resources to achieve the other priorities, and making UNH more accessible to students through a more diverse set of revenue sources.

However, public support for Dean’s “Financial Strength” initiative has been put to the test in recent weeks following the unveiling of the “Huron Report” – named for UNH’s newest financial consulting partner – in Dean’s seventeenth email update on Jan. 27. The 33-page report saw the Boston-based firm highlight potential opportunities to reorganize spending and cut costs at UNH by consolidating 13 “decentralized units” associated with the college’s Facilities unit, a potential annual savings of up to $2.1 million; standardizing IT and computing support, a potential savings of $537,000 per year; and reduce “library spend” through bringing per-student and per-faculty costs closer to the “median values” of 181 other nearby research universities, among other methods.

The report also cited “revenue enhancement opportunities” such as boosting “alumni engagement” and student retention, as well as increasing the number of “institutional and parent gifts” to UNH and adjustments to the college’s “credit hour threshold,” all totaling a potential impact measuring between $3.6 and $6.6 million. The report’s “benchmark” or comparison institutions included the likes of University of Maine, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Northeastern University, Quinnipiac University, University of Rhode Island, University of Vermont, Florida State University, Auburn University and Oregon State University, among many others.

“One question I have heard a few times is, will there be a loss of jobs,” Dean wrote on Jan. 27. “In reply to public concerns about potential layoffs due to the Huron findings, we anticipate that there will be a reduction in the number of FTEs [full-time equivalent]. At this time, because we are at the beginning stages of establishing implementation teams for phase one, we are not able to project how large that reduction might be. I have also been asked if there is a list of employees who will be displaced.”

The president added that any layoffs would be “in service” to the priorities, and employees who ultimately lose their positions would be “treated with the utmost concern and respect” while UNH explores “outplacement services.”

Hardesty-Dyck told reporters he fears such cuts would negatively impact UNH as a whole, stressing the “critical roles” various staff members perform on a daily basis and that a move to cut staff “speaks to how the university wants to treat all members of its community when it chooses to fire these people.”

In a press gaggle following

Bernie Sanders, Stokes holding UNH event

By Emily Duggan

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Bernie Sanders is being joined by what The New Yorker called, “the last greatest rock band,” of the decade – The Stokes – as he speaks to University of New Hampshire (UNH) students at the Whitmore Center on Feb. 10 for a “Get Out the Vote” event.

The event comes a day before the New Hampshire primary as a way to get voters out to the polls – Sanders has held similar functions after being joined with Vampire Weekend and Bon Iver in Iowa. According to USA Today, Vampire Weekend’s event drew a crowd of nearly 3,000.

But to have The Stokes, who hail from Sanders’ native New York, perform at the event has proven to be a big deal to the music community, as prominent music news organizations like Pitchfork and Rolling Stone have picked up the story.

“We are honored to be associated with such a dedicated, diligent and trustworthy patron…” lead singer Julian Casablancas, who is also known for his solo career and association with the band The Voidz, said in a statement about the event. The Stokes’ first album, “This Is It:” was called “Album of the Decade” by Rolling Stone and ranked number two in their list of “100 Best Debut Albums of All Time.” They have since put out four albums.

On Spotify, their top five songs have at least 100 million plays each, with their most popular song “Last Night” having 266 million plays on Spotify. They are also most known for their song, “Somehow,” which currently has 166 million plays.

Their last concert was over New Year’s Eve in New York City where they proclaimed, “We’ve been unfrozen, and we are back,” to the audience that came to see a band that has been quiet since their Lollapalooza Music Festival gig in summer of 2019 in Chicago.

Senior anthropology major Liv Kelley found out about the concert through her roommate Sanders continued on page 3
Staff writer Anna Kate Munsey examines the remaining presidential candidates ahead of the Feb. 11 New Hampshire state primary.

Contributing writer Nicole Cotton reports on the job market for liberal arts students and their job placement rate after graduation.

Staff writer Jenna O’del attended the comedian/magician’s show on Tuesday, Feb. 4 in the Johnson Theater.

Sports editor Sam Eggert recaps the Wildcats’ horrendous weekend series loss to the University of Connecticut.

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after she sent Kelley a screenshot of the Instagram post that announced the event to the public last Wednesday. Kelley has been a fan of the band since she was around 13 and said the Strokes are “the band” for her.

“I think this is a huge event considering the fact that The Strokes rarely do shows anywhere,” Kelley said. “However, most importantly, it’s for Bernie which makes it especially important because The Strokes are making it happen.”

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the event, Dean responded that UNS has not stated or committed to a “reduction in the total workforce” and that they are instead looking into ways to “redistribute resources,” a move that could result in “reducing workforce in some areas and increasing it in other areas.”

Speaking to the protests themselves, the president, while stating he was “really happy” that the students expressed their “constitutional rights to free speech” and that The New Hampshire that he wished they had stayed for the entirety of the address.

“I think they might have gotten a better understanding that we were actually trying to enhance their education and fighting for them,” Dean said. “So, I think that, while I respect fighting for them,” Dean said. “However, most importantly, it’s for Bernie which makes it especially important because The Strokes are making it happen.”

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outside the financial sphere, the address aimed to update attendees on UNH’s progress on achieving its top 25 ranking, which, between 2019 and this year, have generated mixed results. On the plus side, UNH saw its “Student Participation in High-Impact Educational Practices” ranking rise from 19th to 17th place, while rankings for “Percentage Loan Repayment” and “Sustainability” remained consistent with the year before.

Most rankings showed a decline over the last 12 months, with its graduation ranking falling from 34th place (78.7 percent) to 45th place (77.4 percent), its ranking of first-year students arriving as the “Top 10 percent of Their High School Class” decreasing from 135th place to 146th place despite remaining at 20 percent, and its “Ratio of Administrative to Instructional Expenses” plummeting from 131th place to 201th place; the ratio of those expenses itself rose to 25.7 percent from 22.2 percent the year before.

Dean told attendees that the mixed results come from “improvements at other institutions” over time, and that such results give UNH “a sense of how competitive universities have become, and how focused we will need to be to compete more effectively against other universities.”

“I would say the biggest message [of the address] is that we need to use the limited resources of the university as effectively as possible to achieve our core mission, and that’s what we’re doing,” the president told reporters. “The environment isn’t getting any easier for us. It’s getting harder — and so we’re to be very careful about how we spend our money and make sure that it is going directly toward what we need to do as a university: educate students and, in the case of this university, to do research that benefits the world.”

When asked by The New Hampshire whether any of his “priorities” proved harder to accomplish than others, Dean said that the most results have stemmed from “Embrace New Hampshire,” stating that people are “looking to UNH to try and be a very strong state university and to be more connected to local governments, businesses, and high schools filled with potential UNH first-years.”

“So, every time that I’m out meeting people in that community, you don’t have to wait for some number to go up,” he said, “it’s like, ‘hey, we’re happy to see you; glad you’re here.’”

As for the most difficult initiative, Dean pointed to “Building Financial Strength” due to “limited resources” and developments from Huron and others. He said that he has never encountered a situation “quite like this” during his academic career, but recalled facing similar challenges during his time at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), which went through a “shared services initiative” that, similar to Huron’s suggestions, reportedly collapsed multiple groups aiming to accomplish similar objectives into a single unit.

Although Dean departed UNC before that initiative was seen through, he said he imagined there were layoffs “associated with that” as they tried to redirect resources toward improving their academics, similar to what he faces now at UNH.

At the end of his address, Dean told attendees that the university is “healthy and enjoying success … across our three campuses” and “well positioned to build on our accomplishments and to excel in ways that will make us even better … in a rapidly changing world.” Despite the obstacles that lie ahead for the president’s “future of UNH” and, in his words, the public’s “more mixed reception,” he stressed to the crowd that its “best days” are ahead of it and its students, urging them to “share this message of optimism.”

“People are not entirely happy with what we’re doing, I understand that,” Dean said afterward. “…that’s why I feel that – despite the challenges and despite the criticism I’m getting, including today’s student demonstrations and all that – I still feel like it’s the right thing to do.”
A guide to voting in the New Hampshire primary

By Anna Kate Munsey
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In just a few days, the first-in-the-nation New Hampshire primary will take place. To (hopefully) clear up any basic questions or thoughts about this election, here is the 2020 Durham Voter’s Guide.

Who can vote in the primary?

“New Hampshire inhabitants who will be 18 years of age or older on the day of the next election, and a United States citizen, and who are “domiciled in the town or ward where the person seeks to vote,” according to the New Hampshire Secretary of State’s website, are able to vote in the primary. New Hampshire college students are eligible to vote in the primary.

Can members of both parties vote in the primary?

Democrats and Republicans can vote in their own party’s primary, and independent voters can choose which party’s primary they wish to vote in. It is worth noting that after selecting the ballot they want, independent voters become registered to that party, unless you “fill out a card to or sign a list to register to that party, unless you want, independent voters become registered to that party, unless you wish to vote in. It is worth noting that after selecting the ballot they want, independent voters become registered to that party, unless you want, independent voters become registered to that party, unless you wish to vote in. It is worth noting that after selecting the ballot they want, independent voters become registered to that party, unless you wish to vote in. It is worth noting that after selecting the ballot they want, independent voters become registered to that party, unless you wish to vote in. 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Death of UNH student inspires new bill

By Ciarra Annis

A food allergy bill that was inspired by the death of Rachel Hunger, a University of New Hampshire (UNH) student who died after eating peanut butter, is expected this week.

Concord, N.H. (AP) — The commanding officer of the New Hampshire State Police said Tuesday that Col. Christopher Wagner has decided to retire next month, after more than 28 years with the force.

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On the Spot with Health & Wellness’ Leslie Latimer

By Caitlin Staffanson
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CS: How did you initially get started with Health & Wellness?

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CS: How does your role as a pharmacy supervisor differ from others in the office?

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CS: Do you have seasons that are busier than others; for example the flu season?

LL: It is kind of interesting, every semester it starts out slowly and it ramps up and builds ahead of steam. In the fall that is more like everybody is getting strep throat, everybody is getting mono, everybody is getting pink eye. You go from filling 85 prescriptions last week and now you’re filling 120 because everybody is sick. It’s going around on campus. Then, when everybody goes home on Thanksgiving break, they eat turkey and chicken soup, and everybody comes back healthier, right? Then there is a little bit of a lull and then a pop before the holiday. Then in January, everybody comes back and it’s quiet and then boom – flu season hits. February and March are mono, flu, strep, all over again. Then everyone gets healthy again when the sun comes out and the snow thaws. April and May we do our annual inventory then because its quieter and we have an opportunity to do other projects.

CS: What is your favorite part of your job or working for Health & Wellness?

LL: When students ask me, “should I go into pharmacy?” I ask them, “do you care about people?” Do you like taking care of people? Do you like people to be well? That is my biggest piece of it. I really like to work with a student with a chronic illness, like diabetes or something and getting them honed in on taking the right medication and taking care of them, so they can have a healthier life. Even that person that walks through the door, that is really uncomfortable over the weekend because they were sick. They come in on Monday morning, you help them out and then they have a follow-up. Students will pop their heads in and say, “thank you for taking care of me, I am so much better. You were really helpful.” It’s that personal connection, that I really, really love. I don’t love doing all the scheduling, but I definitely like taking care of the students.

This piece is comprised of highlights from a podcast in which staff writer Caitlin Staffanson spoke with Health & Wellness pharmacist Leslie Latimer.

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The exploration process helped her realize that a degree in communication would yield many different career paths. Taking a wide variety of courses also allowed Fitzpatrick to pursue a dual major in business.

According to data from the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), employers value candidates who have broad knowledge in liberal arts.

"80 percent of employers agree that, regardless of their major, all college students should acquire broad knowledge in the liberal arts and sciences," the study states.

The online survey was conducted in 2014 by Hart Research Associates on behalf of the AACU. It was sent to over 400 executives at private-sector and nonprofit organizations who had at least 25 percent of new hires who hold an associate or bachelor's degree.

The study also found that 91 percent of employers agree that for career success, "a candidate's demonstrated capacity to think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems is more important than his or her under-graduate major." These skills are taught to liberal arts majors from the beginning of their college career.

UNH English Professor Bri-gette Bailey strives to implement critical thinking and guides stu-dents to become flexible thinkers who work independently. With 32 years under her belt at UNH and currently serving as a faculty mem-ber, Bailey has noticed patterns in how liberal arts students and gradu-ates change in mental reasoning and understanding of subject mat-ter throughout college.

"The idea is that, liberal arts students can move into a territory that isn’t mapped out and give shape to it," she said. "That edu-cation forces students to formu-late a task and make some coher-ent meaning of it. Doing that over and over again makes you think hard about the world."

Liberal arts students take dozens of classes that focus on forming questions, researching and creating meaning behind an idea. "Students create order by paving forward with insight," Bailey said. "They know things they didn't know before, and think in ways they haven't before."

COLA is the largest college on campus, and it is important that those students have opportuni-ties to make connections in the professional world and refine their skills. Opportunities for ca-reer planning for any student at UNH is guided by Career and Professional Success (CaPS).

According to Bailey, liberal arts students are taught to liberal arts majors... [is that] they cast around and see where their skills can be of use and where they can go using those skills," she said. "There is a lag where I go, they’re learning from their de-gree."

Bailey said many people who graduate with a liberal arts degree find their passions elsewhere because of their broad studies.

What often happens with liberal arts students… is that they cast around and see where their skills can be of use and where they can go using those skills," she said. "There is a lag in recognizing the skills you de-velop, and the most difficult thing is to distinguish your skills and value the importance of them."

Fitzpatrick is planning on "casting" around her skills to differ-ent employers starting next semes-ter to prepare for graduation.

"The job search has begun," she said. "I am hoping to get into the fitness, fashion or mu-sic industry for communication/marketing. I’ve had two intern-ships and will graduate with three under my belt so I’ve had some real world experience which has helped me figure out what I enjoy and what I do not."

With skill sets that Bernal and Bailey describe, there are lots of pathways for graduates to explore - even extreme examples such as large companies whose executives hold liberal arts de-grees.

"A Washington Post article by Vivek Wadhwa, his research team at Duke and Harvard sur-veyed 652 U.S. CEOs and found that more than half held a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts. "YouTube chief executive Susan Wojcicki, for instance, majored in history and literature; Slack founder Stewart Butterfield in English; Airbnb founder Brian Chesky in the fine arts. And, in China, Alibaba chief executive Jack Ma has a bachelor’s in Eng-lish," Wadhwa wrote in the Wash-ington Post.

In the report ‘How Liberal Arts and Science Majors Fare in Employment,’ data was con-ducted and collected by the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Com-munity Survey in 2010 and 2011. "These files include information related to the education and occupation of about three million US residents between the ages of 21 and 65 who hold bachelor’s degrees and work in a wide array of professions," it states.

The data also shows there is a premium on those who just graduated (ages 21-25) versus peak earning ages (56-60). As a person increases in age, so does their pay rate. For humanities and social sciences alone, this median wage increased from $26,271 to $66,185.

Equipped with the tools and foundational knowledge, Fitzpat-rick represents many initially undeclared COLA students who are trying to figure everything out.

"I know my skills from my classes will aid me in no mat-ter where I go," Fitzpatrick said. "Coming into college with an open mind allowed me to find my passion in communication. [And] being able to write, speak and communicate with the world are skills that will help me any-where."
Media literacy and fake news

By Madaline Hart

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) hosted a MediaWise event for all students to learn about fake news, misinformation and the importance of fact-checking as the 2020 presidential election draws closer. Senior math and timedia reporter Alex Mahadevan and reporter Heaven Taylor-Wynn from MediaWise discussed the issue both in and outside of the journalism program, examples of misinformation, and how to know the difference between fake news and misinformation, and tools to help them be vigilant online.

MediaWise is a nonprofit organization that teaches students from middle school to college how to separate facts from fiction in the news. The organization is run by the Poynter School for Journalism located in Florida. MediaWise is founded by Facebook, Students Learn Students Vote and the Campus Vote Project.

The two presenters started off by giving facts so students could see how big of an issue misinformation is. An NYU study found that from 2015 to 2018 there were 187 Instagram engagements with information on the platform that originated from Russian disinformation. Mahadevan explained that there are at least seven million first time voters getting for misinformation from social media platforms, and this misinformation can spread quickly. Mahadevan also cited a study from Northeastern that found that more than half of college-aged voters can’t fact check most things they see online before they share it. Not only that, but the Pew Research Center reported that most Americans have lost trust in the news and reporters’ ethical standards.

Mahadevan and Taylor-Wynn told students what their programs goal is to reach 2 million students to learn how to think critically about, and analyze them, and chances are you’re going to come out with the wrong caption, or were taken out of context, or intentionally created to mislead or misinform. So it is more important than ever for journalists, but also any consumer of information, to know how to think about, and fact check, suspicious posts on social media.

To learn more about fact-checking and misinformation, or to learn how to get involved with the Campus Correspondents program, visit poynter.org/mediawise for information. MediaWise on all social platforms.

All of these deepfakes are harder to pick out; Taylor-Wynn and Mahadevan explained that there was no real way to figure it out besides asking yourself the three questions from the beginning and checking in with other sources. “If you take this approach when you’re faced with something online or in real life, and you’re wondering ‘is this legitimate,’ ask yourself these three questions, analyze them, and chances are you’re going to come out with the right answer,” Taylor-Wynn said.

“Today’s smartphone world there much information available with the swipe of a screen, and much of that information is true,” Professor Haines said “But much is false, whether something innocently shared de-void of context, or intentionally created to mislead or misinform. So it is more important than ever for journalists, but also any consumer of information, to know how to think critically about, and fact check.”  

With each new type of misinformation, Mahadevan and Taylor-Wynn gave students tools to use to combat this. First, there are three questions everyone should ask themselves before sharing a tweet or meme, “Who is behind the information?” “What’s the evidence?” and “What do other sources say?” Additionally, people who use deepfakes to deceive are very wary of how a video, tweet or meme makes them feel.

“Does it make you angry, emotional or anxious?” Mahadevan asked the students. “Because if it makes you feel that way then you’re more likely to be deceived into going ahead and fact check it.”

Along with the questions that students could ask themselves when reading posts and tweets, Mahadevan and Taylor-Wynn shared a plethora of fact-checking sites, reverse engineering programs, and ways to spot fakes with your own eyes. The two highly recommended Google Fact Check Explorer for articles and explained that the more sources you look at, the better your understanding and view of the topic will become.

“What you’ll want to do is exercise click restraint,” Taylor-Wynn said. “You want to scroll through different websites or different results and see what you can find! See what information is out there, chances are you’re going to report something that’s different was but you want to get a holistic view of what’s going on.”

On top of that, people can almost always simply look up who is behind the information, or misinformation, on Google by asking who owns a certain news website or who sends out tweets on a sketchy account. If there’s a tweet that seems fake, after you scroll, ask yourself whether the (alleged) original posters feed and can’t find the tweet, ProPublica created Politwoops that collects all politician’s deleted tweets.

Mahadevan and Taylor-Wynn showed how to “spot a bot,” referring to fake social media accounts that post as a person would. A telltale sign is the account posting at strict intervals, like every hour or half-hour. These accounts will either have no followers or thousands of fake followers, and the account will post the same things over and over again, usually with lots of hashtags.

Some of these bots can be helpful, like the Big Cases Bot that gives updates on big court filings, or the Los Angeles Earthquake Bot, which tweets every time there is an earthquake around L.A. Some bots, however, are not so helpful and there was an influx of them during the 2016 election trying to influence what the voters are talking about and spreading misinformation.

If you are unsure if an account is a bot just by looking at it, there are tools for that too. Account Analysis allows people to plug in a twitter handle that shows how much that account posts, or Hoyaux, which gives people a visual of how specific tweets or articles are being spread by humans and bots.

For fact-checking photos in tweets or articles, the presenters recommended Google Reverse Image Search and TinEye, which gives viewers an idea of where a photo originally was posted, and if it has been altered.

The last point that Mahadevan and Taylor-Wynn talked about were “deepfakes,” video or audio files that have been created using artificial intelligence. There are four types of deepfakes, starting with videos. A video deepfake was shown to the lecture hall with Professor Haines’ face over Spiderman’s in Avengers Endgame. While this was another silly example of how it can be used, Mahadevan showed YouTube videos of how people can use this technology to make it look like politicians are saying something they’ve never said. To spot these, Mahadevan and Taylor-Wynn said, look for any skin discoloration, especially around the mouth, a shimmer around the head and a white blob in the place of a nose. These deepfakes are easy to pick out.

The other forms of deepfakes are artificial intelligence generated text, “cheapfake” or “dumb fake,” and audio manipulation.
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This Day in TNH History

The New Hampshire

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Many gathered in the Strafford Room of the Memorial Union Building on Thursday afternoon to learn suffering immigrants and refugees living in southern NH.

Abigail Crooker
NEWS EDITOR

New Hampshire has already voted for their candidates in the presidential primary. But today, better known as “Super Tuesday,” is the day when twenty-four states hold primaries and caucuses, which will help decide who will take the Democratic and Republican nomination.

Since the beginning of the year, UNHers have been inundated with political events, rallies, loud signs and speeches. Hillary Clinton, John McCain, Barack Obama, Mike Huckabee and other political front-runners stopped by the school for some face time with the university in the past semester. One of the first Republican debates was held at the Whittemore Center, home of UNH hockey games. It’s not hard to see why some would call the campus a political hotspot. Students had the freedom to have real dialogue about the issues they care about with a slew of candidates.

But now that the primary is narrowing down, it’s up Clinton and Obama to take the Democratic nomination. According to current CNN polls, McCain, Romney and possibly Huckabee have the greatest chance of taking the Republican nomination, but some students feel turn about these present statistics.

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In light of the Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses, The New Hampshire wants to know:

“Do poll results persuade your voting decisions?”

Yes

No

Some what

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Super Bowl dreams dashed in Durham

Keeley Smith
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Jaws dropped. Eyes widened. The room froze. And then, a voice spoke: “Lightning has struck in New Hampshire, folks,” senior Tom Bishop said to a crowd of mixed allegiances in a Durham apartment Sunday night.

Giants QB Eli Manning had just lofted a 13-yard touchdown pass straight into the arms of teammate Plaxico Burress, with 35 seconds left to go.

Freshman Janae Sernoffsky clutched her face with both hands. “Oh my God. Oh my God,” she repeated, over and over.

Voices rang out from all corners. “This is awesome!” “I don’t believe it.”

“Hello! I’m Tucker Peterson, a 2006 alumns said. We get it, we get it!”

A mere 35 seconds later, the Patriots had used up their time outs, and the game was over. Super bowl hopes dashed - an untarnished season stained in its final game.

The vast majority of Patriots fans at UNH, so eager and expectant, were forced to watch as the small but very majority of Giants fans celebrated their unlikely victory.

“Let’s go win a victory lap!” said New York native, Alfonso.

Peterson rolled his eyes. “Disgusting,” he muttered. “This is the most disgusting thing I’ve ever seen.”

The other Patriots fans shook their heads in sullen agreement. It was the end of a perfect dream.

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UNH energy tool being utilized by schools across the country

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Of the many great things to come out of UNH in recent years, the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Calculator has been one of the most influential. This tool, developed by a graduate student at the university eight years ago, is used to determine the strengths and weaknesses of a college campus in terms of energy emissions.

The calculator is now being implemented in about 700 colleges and universities across the country and the UNH Office of Sustainability has been very active with the formula, continually revising it for better results.

Brett Pasinella, program coordinator for climate and biodiversity initiatives at the Office of Sustainability, says, "You can't monitor what you don't measure," and is currently producing a new report which will come out in a couple months.

The major importance of this inventory calculator is to take stock of all the emissions that the university produces, whether it comes from heating and cooling, transportation, or the usage of electricity in its dormitories.

"If you really don't know what your emissions are, it's going to be difficult to focus on your actions," Pasinella says. "And if you do a project that's aimed at reducing greenhouse gases, you won't be able to measure the results unless you take an inventory." Comparing different units of measurement is another obstacle when it comes to determining how and where a school should concentrate its efforts.

Pasinella says that problem is eliminated with the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Calculator. "Doing greenhouse gas inventory allows you to put everything in terms of carbon so you can compare them on the same levels," Pasinella says. "So you can compare your emissions from electricity directly to your emissions from heating fuels instead of trying to compare kilowatt hours to

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Most Tuesday evenings on a college campus are full of students studying and preparing for the next day of classes. This past Tuesday, Feb. 4, approximately 70 students and members of the surrounding community gathered in the Johnson Theatre in the Paul Creative Arts Center (PCAC). All ages were represented as they mostly filled the first half of the theater, expectant of the show to come: a free performance from the comedy artist Avner the Eccentric, put on by the College of Liberal Arts’ (COLA) Department of Theatre and Dance.

The laughter, which was effectively unending throughout the approximately 75 minutes Avner the Eccentric performed, complemented the excitement of David Kaye the afternoon before the show. Kaye, a professor of theatre and advisor for a number of other COLA and University of New Hampshire (UNH) programs, studied under Avner early in the 2000s.

“I consider him a mentor and an inspiration for my work,” Kaye said amidst sounds of piano and opera practice from down the hall. He explained that he decided to ask Avner, whose last name is Eisenberg, because of his expertise in comedic performance, likening him to the effect of silent film comedians Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton. Chaplin and Keaton used physical comedy and its derivative, slapstick comedy.

“He’s a renowned theatre artist… He’s one of the greatest performers in this style of performance,” Kaye said of Eisenberg.

“I teach what he does,” Kaye continued, noting the connection between Eisenberg’s work and the students of Kaye’s “THDA 758: Acting III” students, who have to compose and perform a physical comedy as a final project. With Eisenberg, these students had “a chance to see the master perform,” Kaye said and paused, saying the show Eisenberg aimed to execute succeeds as “both very funny and very profound at the same time.”

Eisenberg has performed “Exceptions to Gravity,” the show’s title, many times before, as confirmed by the online photos of a younger Eisenberg in the same show.

The show’s set was simple: a number of objects rested on a 20-foot long tarp before the show began, from multi-colored bedposts to a table with a red rose, stacks of paper cups and a few objects hidden from view.

The audience was expectant, including Louisa Harless, an employee at nearby Brookdale Spruce Wood Senior Living Community. Harless had brought four of her residents as a monthly outing, curious about what the show would contain.

While most theatre shows begin when actors start performing, this show started after the mandatory warnings about fire exits and preventing illegal recordings and ringing phones. “Please do not turn off your cell phones,” Eisenberg’s recorded voice said. “This is only theatre… and you wouldn’t want to miss an important call.”

The performance began with Eisenberg emerging from stage right – the audience’s left – and immediately the antics started as Eisenberg’s character struggled to sweep the stage with a push broom that fell apart, but not until he had tried to light a cigarette, dropped the cigarettes and matches and burned his finger with a lit match.

Eisenberg learned the skills on display from Jacques Lecog, a comedy performer in Paris, “who launched this style of performance,” according to Kaye. Eisenberg’s online biography also cited comedy performer Carlo Mazzone-Clementi as fundamental to his performance education.

Kaye synthesized Eisenberg’s performance style: “He creates a performance that is highly structured and rehearsed, (but also) interactive with the audience.”

Five minutes into the show, Eisenberg broke the fourth wall and would continuously do so, from exaggerated expressions – he never spoke – to coming off the stage and into the audience, poking fun at everyone from late arrivals to a student he had prepared with a disposable camera, who took a disruptive flash photo midway through the show. Eisenberg wrote out a tardy slip for the late arrivals and took the student’s camera, taking pictures from it.

The genius body humor of Avner the Eccentric

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My first taste of Far Out Diner was a late Saturday morning during my junior year of high school after the SATs. I was avoiding going to work by saying I needed to get something to eat after such a long, tiring exam. From the outside, the diner doesn’t look like much aside from its outer space themed mural painted on the brick side of the building. I sat myself down at a booth that was littered with comic books and old sci-fi novels with a few friends and was greeted by a friendly waitress handing us a lime green paper menu, filled with uniquely named items—caramel chips, you name it. While I may normally choose to order the eggs benedict, that doesn’t mean I don’t like to pick off the plates of people I go to the restaurant with. My second favorite is without a doubt their chocolate chip saucer cake. If I were to estimate it, the saucer cakes are probably at least eight inches in diameter—enough to fill you up with just one of them. The chocolate chips were an excellent, gooey, melt-in-your-mouth delicious addition to the already fluffy saucer cake. Dusted with powdered sugar and a pat of butter on the side, this was in no way your average saucer cake. Every morning Far Out Diner posts their specials on their Facebook page and there is almost always a version of their classic saucer cake on it, whether it be blueberries, peanut butter chips, caramel chips, you name it.

Since that first bite, Far Out Diner has been my go-to breakfast restaurant and nearly every time I order the eggs benedict. In all the times I have been there, I have had very few bad experiences—some long wait times or overcooked eggs—that usually when a restaurant is busy, or it is peak brunch time.

Far Out Diner is without a doubt a family-friendly restaurant that takes you back in a time machine with its 50’s flare and is sure to leave you wanting more.
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Avner the Eccentric
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various angles of the audience before returning it wrapped in an informational pamphlet about a UNH program and in a bag he’d given to the student. The bag contained two rolls of toilet paper.

These antics filled much of the performance but occurred before Eisenberg’s show even started; Eisenberg eventually held up a small banner that read “Show Starts in 5 minutes.”

In response, Eisenberg’s character checked his pocket watch, left, confirmed the time with a bigger clock, and pulled out a box of popcorn—from his pants, held up by red suspenders.

He joked with the popcorn, catching it in his mouth—sometimes—and giving popcorn to members of the audience in the first row of seats. Anyone in those seats, and later the second row, was fair game for Eisenberg to interact with, including a woman who was hesitant to take his popcorn. Thus, he bopped the female head, “This is why I’m here.”

I couldn’t shake the thought from my head: “This is why I’m here.”

Surrounding me was a mass of humans dressed in red. They clattered, eventually shouted, sang, waved flags—and I found myself just one fresh, small dot in a collage of varying jersey days. It was my most recent as bought 20 minutes ago. The atmosphere and culture were why I was there. Not specifically there—in the main stand of Liverpool Football Club’s Anfield Stadium—but why I was there in the city, specifically there—in the main stand of Liverpool and culture were why I was there. Not

At the close of my second week of a semester abroad in London, England, I already planned to get away. The two weeks have been full of ups and downs and lots of adjustment to what feels like a whole new world. At times I’ve asked myself what I’m doing here, why I bothered to dive into something so unknown and uncomfortable to me. I still don’t have full answers to those questions, but I found a piece of that reasoning this past weekend.

Part of this journey is about being closer to my heritage. Half of my family is from Liverpool, a maritime city to the northwest of England. I had looked forward to visiting my family for a long time, and two weeks in I was already dying to experience anything remotely familiar. I traveled to Liverpool to stay at the house my dad grew up in. I spent quality time with my family (my grand- mother, aunt, uncles and cousins), had some brilliant home-cooked breakfasts and got to see my childhood soccer team play at their legendary home stadium for only the third time in my life. I planned on seeing Liverpool play as often as I could while in England for these four months, but to seize the opportunity and get to go on my second week was an amazing privilege. My seat was immaculate, the closest I’ve ever been to the field before, and my longtime idols were on the field right in front of me without shouting distance. It felt like a dream.

Liverpool’s “Reds” are in the middle of a historic season. More than half-way through it, they are still yet to lose and have only drawn once. They have broken countless records, a new one coming every few weeks or so, and are resilient in their performances on the pitch. On top of that, they haven’t won the league since the 1989-1990 season; 2020 marks 30 years! The culmination and feeling of all these realities is tangible in the Anfield air. The anticipation resides in the hearts and minds of every Liverpool fan. There is a sort of inevitability and high statistical probability of their victory at the end of the season, but still a sense of caution in the air. After so long without winning the trophy, no one will jump to celebrations early. The players and the club have come so far and are so close to meeting their goal; the collective feeling of pride and impending success echoes around the ground.

The first half was a tense one; Southampton Football Club, a team that has shown a consistent upward trend in quality since the start of December, gave Liverpool no leeway. They fought hard, matched the Reds with intensity and athleticism, and even made the professional demeanor they typically show falter at some points, causing a number of close calls. At the half’s conclusion, it was still 0-0, and it looked like it would be a similar 45 minutes in the second half.

Instead, the Reds came out of halftime swinging. It appeared as though they were reminded to just kick it into second gear, made a decision to raise their level even higher and played Southampton out of the park. Their combination and execution were near perfect, including a goal that many thought could have been the goal of the season but was ruled offside at the last minute. Liverpool put four goals past the Southampton keeper, and quite frankly could have had six or seven had they taken all their chances.

I (and most of the crowd, I assume) had expected a close affair after seeing such a stalemate in the first half. I expected more of the same fight in the second half, but the rise in the level of play from Liverpool was a testament to the resilience and cold-blooded professionalism they have demonstrated all season. As manager Jurgen Klopp labels his players, “mental giants,” it was evident on Saturday that the notion is true. They have one goal – to win – and they have the ability to persevere and rise above their opponent on any given day. It was a joy to witness, and it is still surreal for me to think that I had the chance to see them play in person this season.

This season will go down in history—and being in England has allowed me the right to say I witnessed this history take place firsthand. For the last few months, fans have chanted, “We’re top of the league,” at the conclusion of each Liverpool game. Saturday was the first time this season that the crowd switched the chant to, “We’re going to win the league,” and I was there for the whole thing. To take it all in, to be a part of Liverpool’s history and to sing along with them.
**Dorm room recipe: Pizza in a mug**

By Ciaarra Annis  
**STAFF WRITER**

Last semester, I got lazy with my food. I don’t live too far from Holloway Commons but when it’s cold and I just took a shower, I don’t want to drag myself across the street and risk becoming a human popsicle. Low on freezer space, I couldn’t just grab frozen meals to keep myself going, and there’s only so much cereal and oatmeal one can eat in a day before they wind up very tired of a constant breakfast.

I’m eating at 2 a.m. and stirred, I put the rest of the sauce on top of the mouthful of.

I like to stir one tablespoon of sauce into the mixture, and it always winds up looking a little sad. That’s okay, I’m not here to make pretty food, just food that is edible.

It’s not exactly pizza-like, and if you want the full grease and slice, you’ll have to order an actual pizza, but you do get the nice mix of dough, sauce and cheese at a price much cheaper than a full pizza, so it’s good enough for me. I’ve figured out how to make mine extra fluffy, which makes it a good comfort when I’m studying at 2 a.m.

Ingredients:
- 1 clean mug
- 5 tablespoons of all-purpose flour
- 4 1/2 tablespoons of milk
- 1 tablespoon Olive Oil
- 1/8 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 1/2 tablespoons of pasta sauce
- Salt, to taste, I usually add 1/16 teaspoons Cheese, also to taste, but I recommend a lot, at least two tablespoons.
- Two pinches of garlic powder
- A pinch of onion powder

Any other topping you could want that will fit in a mug!

Start with your dry ingredients, mixing together your flour, baking soda and baking powder. Then add in the milk and olive oil, stirring it to get rid of any lumps. I have had times where I didn’t properly stir it and there was leftover dry flour at the bottom of the mug, which isn’t the most appetizing thing in the world. Ultimately harmless, but not pleasant to get a mouthful of.

After I make sure the mixture is free of any lumps, I like to stir one tablespoon of sauce into the mixture, then stir in a handful of cheese. It makes it a little lighter, and makes it so you get the good pizza taste even when you finish eating the top bit. I also like to add in some garlic or onion powder at this stage; if it settles on the top it’s a bit too strong but mixing it in allows the flavor to spread. Once everything is good and stirred, I put the rest of the sauce on top of the mixture, sprinkling it with cheese and other toppings. Sometimes I’ll try to make little shapes out of the sauce, but alas, I am not meant to be a mug recipe artist and it always winds up looking a little sad. That’s okay, I’m not here to make pretty food, just food that is edible.

Then you pop it into the microwave! The timing depends on the wattage of your microwave. I usually leave mine in for around three minutes because I have a 700 watt microwave. For a 1,200 watt microwave, I recommend a minute and a half. If neither of those work, zap it for 30 second intervals until cooked. Let it cool and then enjoy your brand new pizza-esque treat!
The Adventures of Tracy and James!  
Chapter 2: Beneath The Dirt

By Zach Lewis  
STAFF WRITER

“Don’t make this complicated,” Tracy says. “We’re on another planet whose atmosphere is breathable and contains no known predators. It’s all in the manual, also in the glove box, but just look.” Tracy opens the car door. Electric guitar music can be heard off in the distance. The red clay desert says silent.

“Is that Santana?” James asks.

“Yes, yes it is.”

“Feels like a dimensional thing. I brought the steel wool, tubes and other materials necessary to test the level of oxygen in the atmosphere,” James says. “We’re stuck here forever, aren’t we?”

“Think of it like a vacation that’s possibly permanent, but you can nerd out all you want, and I won’t judge you too much. Oh cool, a dirt creature is walking toward us. Be nice,” Tracy says. James steps on the cute and seemingly defenseless creature, vaguely reminiscent of a gecko. “James!”

“What! What did I do?” he asks, twirling around and stamping his foot repeatedly on the spot where the creature was going on and was picking up the smallest details on our intergalactic path.

“First, you would have to have read the manual, also in the glove box, but just look.” Tracy says as she holds a Riccola that is lounging on Tracy’s shoulder.

“Sarcasm isn’t attractive, James,” Tracy says as she holds a Riccola that is lounging on Tracy’s shoulder. “You don’t hurt ZoopZoop,” Tracy says. “I won’t,” James says as he pets ZoopZoop. “But what do we do now?” he asks.

“Beep,” Tracy says. They all stand up and notice they are in a much different terrain than a moment before. The desert is replaced with a medieval-esque cave structure. Tracy, James and ZoopZoop are in the middle of a cobblestone path that is lit by a series of torches and lined with countless books.

“Who lit all of these torches?” James asks.

“There’s a green minotaur named Humphrey that roams around down here, I believe,” Tracy says.

“And he lights these torches?”

“Yes,” Tracy leads James down a path of the labyrinth they were currently traveling.

“His name’s Humphrey?” James asks. “How do you know all of this? Have you been here before?” He glances down at the cover of the book on the top of the stack that was in his hands: “The Dhammapada of Electricity.” “More importantly, What’s ‘The Dhammapada of Electricity’?”

“It’s about how every molecule in your body follows a certain path and that the buildup of stress, anger or basically any thought apart from a specific oneness with the universe blocks energy in your body and causes illness. A healthy body creates a healthy mind and vice versa. There’s lots of stuff like that in that stack. Good, we’re here.” Tracy knocks three times onto a slim steel door.

The door creaks open.

“This is amazing,” James says. “Countless bookshelves lined the walls as the tops vanished toward an unseen ceiling. The room seemed to figure-eight itself outward for eternity. The symbol for infinity was replicated in the architecture. A myriad of oriental rugs collaged on the floor of each circular area. Lamps are peppered in periodically that gave the space a glow, like the aurora around the moon before it snowed. Wooden ladders are spaced along the shelves between the lamps. Suede and leather chairs and couches wait patiently for inhabitants.

“I’m confused,” James says.

“Beep beep,” ZoopZoop says. “I’ll explain more as we go along but right now I want you to help me find 10 specific books,” Tracy says. “But first,” she clears her throat, “I need to show you the desk and introduce you to Ozburtle The Wizard. Don’t be scared, he loves new people.” Ozburtle The Wizard hated new people. A loud crash booms deep inside the library.

To be continued...
Election interference: What lurks in the Shadow

By Ian Lenahan
MANAGING EDITOR

On Nov. 7, 2019, Pete Buttigieg got what he needed to skyrocket his positioning toward the top of the once-widespread pool of Democratic presidential candidates—a meaningful endorsement from The New Hampshire’s Managing Editor Ian Lenahan.

To quote my fictional friend Raven Baxter: Yup, that’s me. Mayor Pete rose like a phoenix from the ashes to the top of the Democratic presidential candidate ranks since he formally announced his candidacy in April 2019. The presidential pool, once brimming with over 20 candidates to choose from, seems to resemble an ice cream shop; rum raisin (Andrew Yang) or Rocky Road (Tom Steyer) is a wee bit tempting, but that vanilla soft serve is oh-so dependable (Grandpa Bernie!).

I know that I never specifically said the words “I endorse Mayor Pete Buttigieg for the Democratic nominee.” Google it! God, I was committed though; I had a thousand less caucus attendees to worry about. Buttigieg was meant to record the votes as they rolled in but malfunctioned due to severe coding issues. More and more information rolled in surrounding its involvement with the Democratic Party, specifically with one candidate in particular. ACRONYM’s founder, Tara McCowan, is married to Michael Halle, a senior member of Mayor Buttigieg’s presidential campaign.

I credit Buttigieg’s grassroots efforts to connect with the people of our divided nation—that’s what instantly drew me to him and the majority of his message. After America’s 2016 election of a leader who runs on false promises, racism, misogyny and a blind eye to the hatred he causes (amongst many other undesirable traits), Buttigieg and the other Democratic nominees run on a platform of inclusion and opposition to the maniacal clementine.

The difference between Buttigieg and the rest of the major players, quite simply, is that he came out of absolute nowhere. Now, however, skepticism arises. Twitter has had a field day scalding Mayor Buttigieg, with the trending hashtag #MayorCheat circulating all over the platform. One user even tweeted a “photo of Pete Buttigieg getting his slice of pizza”; it was a city rat dragging a slice of pizza down a flight of stairs. Oh snap! I most definitely should’ve retweeted that!

Speculation and talk about interference for 400, or “covfefe” for 800? It’s like the worst game of Jeopardy you’ve ever played. Are you taking Russian interference for 400, Shadow Inc. for 200, or “covfefe” for 800? Even worse: None of them will turn out to be the always elusive Daily Double.

In short, politics is the name and corruption is its game. No matter where you turn or who you support, no one’s ever running the table with a clean slate. Politics, at every level, will never be squeaky clean—not even fresh-faced Mayor Pete Buttigieg’s presidential campaign.

I run into an old friend at Scorpions Bar and Grill on Tuesday, Feb. 4. Contrary to every other buzzed individual in the joint, she and I were talking about the Iowa Caucus (you know, cause we’re super cool.) When I filled her in on what’s happening with Mayor Buttigieg, she, holding her vodka cranberry and raising an eyebrow like the Cheshire Cat, spoke an undeniable truth about Mayor Buttigieg and the epitome of American politics.

“What’s politics without a little greed and foul play?” she asked.

Feb. 11 is five days away. I’m going to need another run and coke.
To the Editor:

As a way to encourage open discussions about the presidential candidates, The New Hampshire (NH) Primary will be at the Freedom Café, Saturday, Feb. 8 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 10 Mill Rd.

The first two Presidential Primary Taverns were in Rye and Peterborough, where candidate representatives were available to answer questions. But the scope of the discussion was between voters who just wanted to talk about candidates.

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Newsroom Poll: Favorite candle scent

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Balsam Fir - Sam
Ron Burgundy’s Apartment - Caleb
Green tea - Maddie
Macintosh - Taylor
Virginia Baked Ham - Ian
Surf wax - Devan
Fear - Katie
Best Buy - Bret
Rosewater & Ivy - Emily
Christmas Tree - Ben

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Spilling the tea since 1911
Race to the bottom

John Henry’s trading of Mookie Betts could go down in the books as one of the most topsided of all time, which is hard to ignore given the circumstances. A century ago, strapped for cash, the Boston Red Sox did away with the game’s greatest player for salary relief. Now, they’ve ditched the second-best active player for the same reason.

The difference this time? Red Sox ownership’s collective net worth is $6.6 billion, and the player dumped for salary relief would’ve been owed $35 million a year assuming they’d hung on through 2020 free agency. At Betts’ requested 12-year, $420 million contract, the owners apparently balked and traded the former MVP in his prime for two prospects.

Just to be clear: The team that pieniąd a nine-figure deal for David Price (3.84 ERA with Bos- ton) and a similar extension for Chris Sale (4.40 ERA) has now decided it’s time to pinch pennies. If bringing on former Tampa Bay Rays executive Chaim Bloom forecasted anything, it’s that current ownership is tired of swimming with the league’s top spenders.

If that’s the case, perhaps Nathan Eovaldi was a good option to clear cap space considering he hardly played in the first year of his new contract. Even if no teams wanted to buy low on Eovaldi, the Sox could’ve sent him elsewhere at the deadline this year and eaten half his remaining salary. That’s something they’re apparently willing to do.

All the warning signs were there. Setting aside all major signings Boston has made over the last three years, Betts, when offered a contract extension, made it clear he would opt for free agency instead. Evidently that statement only means ‘more money now’ to Henry and former GM Dave Dombrowski, because they locked up the books with Betts deserved millions.

Despite this, Betts remained clear that he likes and wants to stay in Boston. Him testing the waters in free agency has less to do with earning top dollar and more with helping other players negotiate higher prices in future dealings. He’s acting as an agent of the MLB Players Association.

It’s my belief that the Red Sox were his only destination next summer. He was never going to walk away unless it burned a hole in his heart that he wasn’t playing for his hometown Atlanta Braves. That wouldn’t have happened, and won’t, unless he’s willing to take a pay cut for a smaller market team. Which he’s not.

But when it comes to the Red Sox, they’ve taken a gamble. If Henry has it in his head that they can sign Betts in free agency regardless of where he plays this year, he’s wrong – by alienating Betts with this trade, Sox ownership has set itself up to repeat the John Lester misstep.

Would Lester have signed with Boston in the offseason? It’s hard to say, but for Henry to claim he trudged one of the league’s best pitchers in a calculated swipe for more prospects before re-signing, he’s treating Sox fans like children. Perhaps less than that, because even children could see through that.

I’m waiting for the Boston Globe report to come out (any day now) in which Henry ‘feels good’ about the Red Sox’ chances of bringing the right fielder back next winter. It’s not going to happen. Good thing those billion-aiire owners saved a few bucks, because otherwise, they’ve just waived off one of the best homegrown talents in team history.

Bret Belden
Executive Editor
Patrick Mahomes is not my MVP

By Cameron Beall
SPORTS WRITER

Super Bowl LIV didn’t quite live up to the high-scoring shootout hype that many expected. Nonetheless, the AFC Champion Kansas City Chiefs needed a little magic to come from behind and win their first championship in 50 years.

Patrick Mahomes became the youngest player to win both the league MVP along with a Super Bowl MVP. Although Mahomes came up with a couple of plays late in the game to help propel his team ahead, he was far from the best player on the Chiefs that night. The third-year quarterback was pedestrian at his best moments during the first 53 minutes of his game.

A handful of Mahomes’ teammates made a valid case for the MVP including Damien Williams, Tyreek Hill, Sammy Watkins, and Chris Jones. Damien Williams was the clear choice to win the Super Bowl MVP. The running back led the way with 104 rushing yards and 29 through the air while adding two touchdowns; including the final score, a 38-yard rush to go ahead by 11 points. Williams was able to navigate through the likes of Nick Bosa and DeForest Buckner all night long averaging 6.1 yards per carry. The back converted four total third and fourth down en route to the victory.

Tyreek Hill was the second most deserving for the award. The wideout reeled in nine of his 16 targets for 105 yards. Hill navigated the San Francisco secondary effectively for most of the night. The most important play of the night found its way to Hill with just over seven minutes to play; Mahomes completed a 44-yard pass to a wide-open Hill to set up the first of their three late touchdowns.

Mahomes didn’t do Hill many favors on Sunday night. Both of his interceptions came on throws intended for Hill. The first of which was a misread route by Mahomes which should’ve been an easy completion. The second pick was thrown behind the back shoulder of the receiver and was deflected into the hands of 49ers safety Tarvarius Moore.

Sammy Watkins caught five of the six balls thrown his way and averaged close to 20 yards per catch. The former fourth overall pick totalled 98 yards on five catches. While Watkins began to shine this past year after a record setting first year with the Wildcats. As a first-year swimmer she broke records in the 500 freestyle, 200 backstroke and 400 individual medley on her way to winning America East Rookie of the Year. She is a role model for the first-year class, such as first-year swimmer Jami Lum.

Lum has already impacted the lineup and made the team more balanced. In November’s Terrier Invitational, Lum won the 100 breaststroke and was the fastest swimmer in the 200 breaststroke adding to her other top-five performances that week-end. She has been a consistent part of the way coach Willman rotates through the events and the swimmers. With the flexibility she brings to the team it’ll be interesting to see how coach Willman will use each swimmer and diver as they try to put up as many points as possible.
Wildcats fall to UMass Lowell in final seconds

By Cameron Beall
SPORTS WRITER

UNH men’s basketball went to UMass Lowell for a date with the Riverhawks on the heels of their loss against UVM. The Wildcats challenged the Riverhawks into the final seconds before losing and falling back below the .500 mark on the season.

To open up the scoring for UNH, sophomore forward Jayden Martinez hit a quick three-pointer and a layup to follow. Three straight baskets by the Riverhawks, however, put UMass Lowell ahead by one within the first four minutes of the contest.

The two sides traded baskets for the next few minutes until the Riverhawks really began to pull away about midway through the first half.

A dunk by UNH senior forward Chris Lester tied the game at 16 before the home team went on an 8-0 run over the next three minutes. UMass Lowell first-year guard Kalil Thomas started the run with a three-point ball. Junior guard Obadiah Noel followed suit and sunk a three of his own to extend the lead to six.

UNH was able to cut the lead a few minutes later thanks to a pair of baskets from sophomore forward Meekness Payne. That two-point deficit, however, would be as close as the Wildcats could get to UMass Lowell’s point total for the remainder of the first half.

Riverhawk graduate guard Christian Lutete scored nine of UMass Lowell’s final 15 points to give his side a 13-point lead heading into the locker room.

UNH wasn’t able to make up any ground coming out for the second half, as UMass Lowell extended the lead to as much as 17 in the first few minutes. A three-pointer from Noel put the Riverhawks ahead 47-30.

Lester and Payne began to cut into the lead with three straight baskets from Lester followed by two from Payne. This 11-0 run brought the lead to just six points.

UNH struggled to claw back into the game after that run. A pair of free throws from Lutete extended the UMass Lowell lead to 12 points with about three and a half minutes to play.

With under a minute to play, three straight three-pointers from Jayden Martinez, Josh Hopkins and Marque Maultsby tied the game at 75 apiece.

Lutete put the game on ice with six seconds on the clock. His two free throws put the Riverhawks ahead 77-75. UNH wouldn’t have enough time to tie the game, as they lost their second straight game – falling to 10-11 on the season.

This is a win that UNH certainly could’ve used against an inferior UMass Lowell team.

“Any coach on the country will tell you, you’ve got to win your home games … and you’ve got to steal a few on the road,” said head coach Bill Herrion following the Vermont loss.

Lutete led all UMass Lowell scorers with 23 points. Noel wasn’t far behind with 21 points, seven rebounds, and three steals.

UNH had four scorers reach double digits as Martinez led the way with 18 points and seven rebounds. Maultsby, Lester, and Nick Guadarrama each followed with 15, 13, and 12 points respectively.

Martinez has led the team in scoring in each of their last two games. UNH has seen lots of growth from their sophomore players, and Herrion thinks they still have a lot of room to grow, especially Martinez.

“His upside is through the roof,” Herrion said.

The Wildcats will welcome Stony Brook into the Lundholm Gymnasium on Saturday, Feb. 8 for a 12 p.m. tip-off. Herrion and the ‘Cats will look to get back to the .500 mark with a win.
Turnovers plague UNH

By Josh Morrill
SPORTS EDITOR

This past Saturday afternoon, the UNH women’s basketball team (7-14, 4-5) fell back under the 500 mark in America East play after suffering a 66-53 loss to the UMass Lowell Riverhawks.

Early in the contest, each team had difficulty developing any kind of offensive rhythm due to turnovers and sloppy play. Each team finished the game with 26 turnovers, which is a season high for both squads. Much of it can be attributed to the defensive pressure that both teams applied early in the game, but some of it was simply bad play from both sides.

Despite the sloppy play, UNH was able to mount a four-point lead on the back of senior forward Ashley Storey to start the first quarter, but it was quickly eliminated by the Riverhawks. With 4:08 to go in the frame, UMass Lowell junior forward Ti-Ahka Sears hit a mid-range jumper to close the gap to 10-8, and that basket prompted 10 unanswered points from the Riverhawks. The quarter ended with the Wildcats trailing 18-11.

UMass Lowell kept their foot on the gas heading into the second ten minutes of the game, as they pushed their lead up to 11 with just over four minutes remaining in the half. They were able to utilize a 1-4 set on offense to get one-on-one post-ups and UNH struggled to counteract this action throughout the first half according to Wildcat head coach Maureen Magarity.

“We had to address our ball screen coverage defensively…but they still seemed to just get in there and I think their post players work hard, they do all the grunt work. But they got too many touches inside on the block for sure.”

Magarity added that even though the teams knew what was coming, they still had a hard time stopping the opposition.

“I think Ivy did a really nice job on the block…but it’s tough when you play someone for a second time. You scout, you game plan, but you have to go out there and do it. I thought (UMass Lowell) did a good job of executing that with their screens and their cuts.”

Before the break, Sears and Riverhawk senior forward Bri Stiers notched 10 and nine points respectively, and UMass Lowell took a 30-26 lead into halftime after a short scoring burst from UNH.

Coming out of the locker-room, UNH displayed much more energy on both sides of the court. However, this energy didn’t help put a dent in the Riverhawk lead. The Wildcats might have had a little too much energy, as they committed the first five fouls of the third quarter. Silly fouls and early turnovers helped UMass Lowell inch their lead back up to nine (46-37) by the end of the third quarter.

UMass Lowell sophomore guard Khris Idom was the star of the third quarter. She was able to lead her squad in the quarter with three, as she hit a tough three from the right corner and proceeded to follow it with two layups. She did have three turnovers after the half, but UNH was not able to take advantage of them.

Wildcats senior guard Caroline Soucy led her team with four points in the quarter.

The fourth quarter mirrored the third in the fact that UNH couldn’t slow down Idom. For much of play, the senior, the sophomore played with an untied right shoe, but it didn’t affect her game in the slightest. She converted on an elbow jumper with 5:37 to go in the game, and then a turnover by Storey on the other end allowed Idom to swish a three-point attempt on the ensuing Riverhawk possession.

Idom’s ability to draw fouls plagued the Wildcats in a big way during the second half, as she reached the foul line six times, resulting in 12 fouls shots, eight of which she converted.

Two of these fouls came off a fast break layup attempt with 30 seconds left in the game, and Idom stuck both to seal the 66-53 win for the Riverhawks.

Head coach Jim Boulanger commented on this team’s performance this past weekend saying, “Overall, I feel that we’re a better team. We can still do more. We had quite a few guys sitting out injured with that dreaded cold and virus that’s going around campus… I’m definitely happy with the position being in the top four in New England out of 22 teams.”

Zach Astle continued his dominant season yet again, sweeping the throwing events. Astle has not lost a single throwing event this year and he is getting better as the year goes on. He won the weight throw with a distance of 63.3” and set a new personal best in the shot-put with a distance of 56.12”. Coach Boulanger was very proud of Astle who actually did something no UNH track and field performer ever has.

“The last time we had a double winner in the throws was 1986-87. That’s a heck of a double.”

It has gotten to the point after five meets now, that it is expected Astle will not only win, but sweep whatever throwing events he is participating in.

In the running portion of the competition, Nicolas Sevillano-Connelly had a tremendous 3000-meter run. Astle was not the only UNH competitor setting new personal bests as Sevillano-Connelly joined him as well. Sevilla-Connelly ran an 8:21.51. 3000-meter as he took first place as well. Boulanger spoke on his run saying, “Nicola ran a really great race, went out and when he did go, he made a commanding move.”

Outside of Astle and Sevilla-Connelly, the Wildcats had eight other scoring performances. Senior Matthew Adams finished fifth in the 800-meter with a time of 1:56.8. UNH had two scorers in the 1000-meter in sophomore Spencer Sawyer and first-year runner William Curran. Jacob Dearborn was the second Wildcat Astle in the 800-meter with a time of 2:04.5.” Then in the mile, UNH had two scorers as well. Junior Adam Sullivan and senior Samuel Lantier finished in 4:14.87 and 4:15.08 respectively.

The men’s track and field team will travel down to Rhode Island for the URI Coaches Trib-une meet on Saturday, Feb. 8. Boulanger is looking for another great meet out of his performers.

“There are seven teams and then two partial teams, so there will be seven full teams that will give us good competition.”

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Zachary Astle has now won all throwing events this season.
Wildcats get point at UMaine, beat Dartmouth

UNH has now won the last three meetings against the Dartmouth Big Green. UNH leads the all-time battle between the two schools with a 39-12-4 record.

SPORTS WRITER

The UNH women’s hockey team spent this past weekend at UMaine battling against the rival Black Bears, and then also faced the Dartmouth Big Green on Tuesday in Durham.

It was a great week for UNH first-year goaltender Ava Thewes, who won the Hockey East Defender of the Week award for her play in the two games against UMaine. All three Wildcat goalies have now earned the award at some point this season. She earned the start on Tuesday night and got her first career win as well.

The Black Bears took game one last weekend by a score of 5-1, as they scored four unanswered goals and scored two of them on the powerplay against a Wildcat penalty kill that ranks fourth in the nation. The shot battle was close between the two squads. The Wildcats lead that category 33-30, despite the losing effort.

The Black Bears were led by first-year forward Ida Kuoppala’s two goals and two assists, as well as sophomore forward Lisa Miljone who scored one goal and registered three assists.

UMaine broke the ice 14:41 into the first with a wide shot that got deflected by Kuoppala under the glove of Harnett, from sophomore defensewoman Ida Press and Miljone.

The Wildcats tied the game earlier in the second period off sophomore defensewoman Emily Rickwood’s fifth goal of the season, which was assisted by first-year forward Annie Berry. Rickwood took a shot from the faceoff dot that beat the goalie high on the glove side. Her five goals lead all blue liners on the team.

Seven minutes into the second period, the Black Bears regained their lead on the powerplay with just one second remaining on the penalty clock. Sophomore forward Ally Johnson tipped in a shot from Press and Kuoppala. Two and a half minutes later, UMaine doubled their lead, scoring on the powerplay again.

First-year forward Ella MacLean scored from Miljone and junior forward Maddie Giordano.

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UMaine broke the ice 14:41 into the first with a wide shot that got deflected by Kuoppala under the glove of Harnett, from sophomore defensewoman Ida Press and Miljone.

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The Wildcats started the game putting a lot of pressure on their opponents, but did not score until eight minutes in. In that eighth minute, senior forward Nicole Dunbar scored her fifth goal of the season off a great back-door feed from junior forward Grace Middleton. Senior captain and defensewoman Tess Howran was credited with the secondary assist.

The Big Green started off the second period strong with a couple big shifts. Thewes had to make some strong saves to keep the score tied. The Big Green did not score but got momentum from these early shifts.

Halfway through the second, the teams had a four-on-four which the Wildcats took advantage of to score their second of the game. Senior captain and forward Taylor Wenczkowski entered the zone with the puck and sent a pass to Rickwood in the slot. The pass hit her skate and went right to senior forward Meghara McManus as she scored her team leading 15th goal of the season. It was McManus’ 22nd point on the season which also leads the team.

Wenczkowski nearly had a goal of her own a few minutes later as a Wildcats penalty was ending. She entered the zone and used her speed while protecting the puck to get ahead of the defender and she got hooked, drawing a penalty, but still got a good shot off that was saved.

On that penalty, the Wildcats scored their third and final goal of the game. Martin scored her sixth of the season off a rebound from a shot from the point from senior captain forward Carlee Turner who was given the puck by Howran. Howran’s 15 assists on the season leads the team and her 16 points leads UNH defenders.

Dartmouth tried for a third period push and had some chances but were only able to muster one goal. The Wildcats skaters gave Thewes some help with good stick positions and four blocked shots. The Wildcats had plenty of opportunities of their own with 23 shot attempts.

“I thought it was kind of up and down. I thought we had times where we did a lot of really good things and we had some lapses but the good thing was we found a way to win the game so we’re going to take it, a win’s a win,” Witt said.

UMH will try to win their second straight game on Friday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. as they will visit Boston College.
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MEN'S HOCKEY

UNH allows 14 goals amidst lackluster defensive series

By Sam Eggert
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Defense can make or break games, and this past weekend the Wildcats faltered greatly giving up 14 goals in two games against UConn.

Friday, Wildcats fans had good reason to doubt their hometown team early on as the opposing UConn Huskies tallied three goals in the first five minutes of regulation. Sophomore center Ruslan Ishalkov, the 43rd overall pick in the 2018 NHL draft, got the scoring started at 1:45 in the first period with a tip in that slipped past a sprawled-out Robinson.

Soon after, Huskies sophomore forward Carter Turnbull converted the second goal of the night with a wrister from point blank range. The bleeding continued a minute later when senior defenseman Wyatt Newpower ripped a slapshot from the right faceoff circle past Robinson to extend the lead to three. UConn head coach Mike Cavanaugh praised his team's early start. "We made some pretty good plays, got some bounces and were fortunate that it went our way. Yet, the Wildcats did not crumble, and they scored two unanswered goals to close out the period, and another one in the opening seconds of the second period.

Junior wing Patrick Grasso gave UNH fans their first glimmer of hope when he took advantage of UNH's 5 on 3 power play by scoring on a slap shot from the left faceoff circle, his ninth of the season. A minute later, junior wing Eric MacAdams scored on the power play to get his seventh of the season. MacAdams snuck the puck past UConn sophomore goalie Tomas Vomacka. Grasso detailed his goal after the game. "We had some pretty good movement there. [Jackson] Pierson made an unbelievable pass, there was a good screen in front. It's a five-man goal."

The Wildcats launched a succession of shots as the first period closed out. None of them reached the back of the net, but the ripple effect of their offensive onslaught was felt when sophomore center Filip Engaras tied the game with assists from Fans sealed the win for the Huskies, and it also gave the winger his second hat-trick of the season, bringing UNH within two goals.

An empty net goal from Evans sealed the win for the Huskies, and it also gave the winger his second hat-trick of the season. Souza was critical of his team's defensive play on Friday. "We didn't execute defensively at all, I thought our funneling, defensive transition back in our end, is something we're usually pretty good at, but it was not good tonight."

To the Wildcats dismay, more of the same came in Saturday's game. Sophomore goalie Ty Taylor got the start for UNH. UConn scored first when Ishalkov netted a goal assisted by Evans four minutes into the game. Thirty-six seconds later, Grasso tied the game with assists from Pierson and junior wing Charlie Kelleher. Later in the period, Grasso scored his second goal of the game to give UNH a 2-1 lead. The good times did not last, as Firstov tied the game at 2.

UNH extended the lead to 5-2 in the second period with two goals from senior forward Alexander Payusov and one from junior forward Zac Robbins. The five goals got Taylor pulled from the game, bringing Robinson back into play.

Not much changed as Robinson proceeded to give up two more goals, extending the tally to 14 against over two games. UNH looks to rebound from a disastrous weekend as UVM comes to Durham for two games this upcoming weekend. The Cats (3-18-4, 0-13-2) are currently winless in the Hockey East, and Souza made clear with two goals from senior forward Alex Remax against to maintain their record does not represent them as a team. "I just look at how many close games they've been in...the one goal game thing sticks out to me. I'd like to think our guys know not to look at their record."

Time will tell if the Wildcats can refocus against UVM.

GYNMASTICS

Wildcats, Freehling, defeat Towson at home

By Zach Schneeloch
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UNH hosted Towson this past weekend in a highly anticipated East Atlantic Gymnastics League (EAGL) matchup. Coming off several road trips, the 'Cats looked to dig in coming into the heart of their schedule. Head coach Lindsey Bruck Ayotte was absent due to family emergency, propelling Steve Averinos into the acting head coach role.

On Saturday, UNH quickly regained the lead as they would display a very solid performance on the vault in the first rotation. First-year gymnast Kylie Gorgenski was a standout as she had the best performance on the night, scoring a 9.850. This was also her career best. Seniors Emma Winer and Riley Freehling both tied for third overall in the event with scores of 9.775. With good performances from the rest of the squad, UNH held a 48.800-48.325 lead after the first event.

In the second rotation, the 'Cats would move to the uneven bars. Freehling continued to dominate as she has the best overall score in the meet with a score of 9.800. Junior Clare Hampford had another notable performance as she took third place outright on the uneven bars in the meet. The 'Cats cooled down in the second rotation, leaving the door open for Towson to close UNH's margin of victory. UNH had 97.125 to 96.975 on their way into the third rotation.

Feeling the pressure, the 'Cats were able to maintain their momentum going, placing second in the event with a score of 9.825.

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The losses sent UNH to ninth place in the Hockey East. They take on 11th place UVM next weekend.