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## Senate talks Title IX, confirms Interim Speaker Guyer

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The University of New Hampshire (UNH) Student Senate, aided by members of UNH administration, led a discussion on internal Title IX reform and confirmed Devon Guyer as their interim speaker on Sunday, March 1. The Senate's actions come as it strives to institute reform and a new path forward following investigations into accusations of political and sexual misconduct and harassment against multiple former and current members by its former speaker and parliamentarian.

The Senate's second gathering since the end of last semester suspended parliamentary procedures as it invited Senior Vice Provost and Dean of Students John T. Kirkpatrick and University System of New Hampshire (USNH) Special Counsel Tracy Birmingham to talk about the basics and intricacies of Title IX,



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## Kappa Sigma suspended

Statements released Wednesday

By Ian Lenahan  
MANAGING EDITOR

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity has been suspended and is currently under investigation by the university and the Durham Police Department after a reported incident took place at their house last weekend.

An anonymous member of Kappa Sigma approached members of *The New Hampshire* and stated that the fraternity would not comment on their suspension or the ongoing investigations.

Per an official statement from UNH Executive Director of Media Relations Erika Mantz, the fraternity has been suspended by Kappa Sigma's national organization. Additionally, UNH's Interfraternity Council has "interim suspended the fraternity pending resolution of investigations by the university and the national headquarters."

"The university has received reports of misconduct by the Kappa Sigma fraternity. We

have initiated a formal inquiry to determine the facts of the case," Mantz said.

"I anticipate that the investigation will soon reach a conclusion and the Durham Police will release a statement at that time," Town of Durham Deputy Chief of Police Rene Kelley said in an email to *The New Hampshire*.

Requests for comments were sent to members of the university's Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and Jamie Silverstein, UNH's coordinator of Fraternity & Sorority Life. *The New Hampshire* hadn't received statements from any of the aforementioned officials at the time of publication.

The New Hampshire will report on all future updates regarding the investigation as more information becomes available.

The New Hampshire staff editors Emily Duggan, Madailein Hart, Sam Eggert and Katherine Lesnyk contributed to this story.

## UNH responds to COVID-19

By Emily Duggan & Madailein Hart  
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Starting last Wednesday, Feb. 26, the University of New Hampshire (UNH) began sending emails regarding the coronavirus outbreak that entered New Hampshire this past Monday, and in response, pulled all 96 students studying abroad in Italy. UNH previously pulled students that were studying abroad in China and South Korea earlier this semester.

Per UNH policy, students are currently prohibited to travel to destinations that the U.S. Department of State and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) rate as "Level 3: Reconsider Travel," or "Level 4: Avoid all nonessential Travel," which the countries mentioned above have been labeled. In addition to this, UNH has suspended the Italy study abroad program for the Fall 2020 semester, according to an email send out by Education Abroad Program Assistant Teresa Zellem at the UNH Global Education Center.

UNH Police Chief Paul Dean

addressed in a Feb. 29 email to the UNH student body that the university is addressing and monitoring the "global outbreak" and that it is a "rapidly changing situation."

Junior recreation management and policy major Caroline Wilson is from Durham and her study abroad experience to Italy was her first time leaving the town. In Italy, she took classes on wine tasting, pasta making and sketching the city – she doesn't know what the courses will look like online or if she will be able to continue them.

"Most people have that 'leave home moment' when they go to college, but going to school in your hometown is much different feeling," Wilson said. "So, this was my first experience out of Durham and now I'm back in Durham after only a month. I am not totally sure what I'm supposed to do now. We are taking our classes online but I don't know how pasta making, wine tasting and sketching Florence is going to go now that I'm not in Italy and online. I'm just frustrated and sad with the whole situation. It's totally out of my control but I'm feeling robbed of something that I have

been looking forward to for a long time."

Wilson added that she never felt scared of the virus, but she felt "more scared about not being let back into either Italy or the United States," adding that she thinks the reports of the virus are "making it much scarier than it actually is" and that she "didn't go through screening when returning" to Logan Airport in Boston.

"Students returning to the U.S. from their study abroad sites will not be taking campus-based courses," Dean said. "They will receive online courses to accommodate this disruption in their studies." He added that they request people returning to follow the CDC's guidelines to monitor their health and to self-isolate for 14-days and "cannot return to campus" until it's completed.

Wilson said that she has felt UNH wasn't doing enough when addressing the virus, especially when it comes to students returning from study abroad trips. "Even now, the study abroad office has

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and how it stands to play a major role in ethical reform. The meeting's urgency stemmed from a report, released in a modified form by UNH administration in January, that alleged such things as "hostility and antagonism" between senators and senior members of the body, a "hostile climate toward women senators and officers" described by multiple members as a "boys club," and selective "grooming" by Senate leaders of some members at the expense of others.

As the report was being released earlier this semester, both former Student Senate Speaker Nicholas LaCourse and former Parliamentarian and Deputy Speaker David Cerullo resigned from their positions; according to *The New Hampshire* on Feb. 13, it remains unclear whether their resignations are related to the university's ongoing investigations into the body.

"Unfortunately, the weight of the evidence led to the conclusion that adherence to Senate 'tradition' too often results in current Senators deciding to leave the body and abandon their own visions for how to meet the needs of current students," the January report stated. "The Office of Affirmative Action and Equity and the Dean will charge the Senate itself to examine its by-laws with the help of a panel of outside experts, to devise ways of recruiting, training and selecting future leaders that honors 21st century norms of gender equality, human dignity and fairness, while preserving the Senate's role as an independent voice for UNH student interests."

During the body's hour-long guest speaker segment, Kirkpatrick urged for internal reform based around Title IX, a federal civil rights law that prohibits gender discrimination in educational settings, would be an ideal solution to achieving the report's "21st century norms." The dean took time early on to recite the entire statement to the body, which reads as follows:

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under

any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

According to Kirkpatrick, Title IX has expanded since its inception to cover a "broader application" regarding sexual discrimination, assault and harassment when it was extended by the passage of the Civil Rights Restoration Act in 1988 to include any educational institution receiving federal funding, whether directly or indirectly.

"It's not a choice, it's not a negotiation; they must," he said. "...in this country, it's an effort to create an even playing field, and that must apply for men and women both equally, so it's true of anything that happens at the University; of there is any inequitable treatment by a gender at this institution, then we've run afoul with Title IX."

While Kirkpatrick said that UNH has taken "complimentary" steps to comply with Title IX over the years, he stressed that concerns over conduct within the Senate are not new - the dean recalled similar talks he held with body members nearly five years ago when they decided to become part of UNH's Shared Governance Structure alongside bodies like the Faculty Senate instead of a student organization. Per the dean, a different status meant a different approach to regulating internal conduct; had the body still identified as a student organization when the report and allegations emerged, the controversy would have prompted Kirkpatrick - who assumed an "overseer" role when the Student Senate made the switch - to place the entire body through Community Standards' conduct process.

In his efforts to identify a new strategy for assessing potential reform, Kirkpatrick stressed that he is less interested in "assessing penalty" than in "working collaboratively with all of you in the Leadership on a new way of being here at UNH." He also expressed interest in working with the body's newest members, particularly first-year senators.

"...I look especially to your experience here in your remaining three years here at UNH beyond this one because you will have arguably the largest voice and the largest say in helping enact what

we do this spring here at UNH in the Student Senate," he said.

Birmingham then led a discussion with present members about what Title IX-related reform looks like, as well as what could be considered appropriate and inappropriate conduct down the road.

"We are very focused, obviously, on compliance," she said, "but on this issue, it is a lot less about what we're required to do as a bare legal minimum than it is about doing what we should be doing, and I think this...body of future leaders have an opportunity here, and I really welcome what Dean Kirkpatrick is doing here... this isn't a place to say, 'where are we looking for blame;' it's looking for 'how can we do things differently?'"

Birmingham called Title IX and its expansion of coverage over the years a "bellwether" for the community and the United States as a whole, symbolized by previous visits to the Durham from national figures like former Vice President Joe Biden who promoted Obama-era efforts to expand Title IX coverage and stressed the importance of student leaders and opportunities for more students to get involved in leadership roles.

"It [Title IX] recognized that sexual harassment and sexual violence was something that was impeding people's access to educational opportunities, and I think it was a really important bellwether change for us," the counsel said. "...this is an opportunity for this group to focus on that [leadership] and see what we can do differently so we can do better."

A key portion of the segment included questions from members like Student Body Vice President Kelsey Crowley about mandatory reporting and how much of Senate is required to take part in the practice; Kirkpatrick responded that "all" faculty, staff, administration and other UNH officials, such as those in the Shared Governance Structure the Student Senate calls home, are required to be mandatory reporters.

"When it comes to students and graduate students, it gets a little murky," he said, adding that he and members of the USNH, including Birmingham, have been conducting "very constructive

meetings" about the subject in order to help provide future clarity.

"Nobody's going to be thrown in jail over this, because I know you worry and have a lot of anxiety about that," Kirkpatrick stressed. "I would say the guiding principle for right now is do the right thing when you hear a report of sexual violence," and to reach out to authorities such as Title IX Coordinator and Director Donna Marie Sorrentino and UNH Police Chief Paul Dean if and when emergencies arise.

In an effort to bridge the complexities of the situation, Birmingham emphasized how sexual harassment and violence covered by Title IX are "extensions" of gender discrimination and how it can affect both males and females. However, the special counsel admitted that the line "blurs" when it comes to defining the differences between harassment and violence, a grey area she labelled a definite "impediment."

"If there is something that you are seeing in your day-to-day where you say, 'this doesn't feel right,' it's generally a good indication to say, 'if it doesn't feel right to you, that that doesn't feel like if you were standing in that person's shoes who's on the receiving end of that,' that's probably the kind of behavior we're talking about... someone is feeling like they can't participate because of their gender," Birmingham advised.

Following the guest speakers, the Senate resumed normal duties, but not before confirming Guyer as their speaker pro tempore, otherwise known as the body's interim speaker before a new one will be chosen at the end of the semester.

Prior to its unanimous passing, Kirkpatrick told the body he selected Guyer based on her experience in Senate and her sole opposition to former Speaker LaCourse's reelection near the end of Session 40 last year; he added that the selection would allow others who had nominated themselves the week before to run for a long-term speaker position down the road.

Student Trustee Cailee Griffin, meanwhile, took time to thank the other nominees for participating in last week's nomination round for the speakership, stating that "it obviously means a lot to

everybody that you're willing to step up and work for students like that and I know that students appreciate it, too, especially at this time."

"I do think this is the right thing that we...all support this, though," she added, "because the idea is that if we're going to draft these bylaws now with a person who's not going to be running again because she's a senior and won't be here next year, that means that the incoming speaker comes in with a brand-new set of bylaws that they did not shape, so they do not have any incentive to shape the bylaws in their personal interests at this time."

Following the vote, Student Activity Fee Committee (SAFC) Chair Gareth Jones, who had been officiating the meeting for the night, passed the symbolic torch with Guyer by swapping seats with her. Interim Speaker Guyer immediately followed the vote by presiding over a bill - introduced by Student Body President Allison MacPhee, Student Body Vice President Crowley and Trustee Griffin - that approved Community Development Council Chair Elza Brechbuhl and Sens. Abby LaRoche (Alexander) and Raeanna Hunter (Mills 1) as the newest members of the Election Committee, which passed unanimously. The same three authors also introduced a bill approving a new "Code of Ethics Task Force;" the bill passed the body unanimously and includes Guyer, MacPhee, Crowley, Executive Officer Annah Santarosa, Fraternity and Sorority Life Chair James Firsick, Academic Affairs Council Chair Jennifer Hargenrader, First Year Representative Hannah Falcone, and Sens. Paulette Niwewase (Hubbard), Meagan McLean (Non-Res. 4), Hannah Falcone (Gibbs), Raeanna Hunter (Mills 1) and Jordan Aylesworth (Non-Res. 3).

The night's final bill - the authors' "Approval of Bylaw Revision Task Force Members" - saw most of the previous bill's cast join in to the second task force on top of new members such as Parker Armstrong and Sen. William He (Lord). The bill passed unanimously.

Following the passing of the bylaw revision bill, the Senate ultimately adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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reached out to make sure we are home but there is very little to no support from them about what our next steps should be," she said. "I felt like there should be more of a response than just wash your hands and don't leave your house for 14 days. They don't want us in Italy and also don't want us on campus so I don't know what they want us to do."

The guidelines that UNH highlighted about students upcoming travel plans will apply to anyone traveling personally or professionally. UNH also wanted to make it clear that it will not restrict student's travel to spring break destinations, rather it wants make sure that travelers know what to expect upon return.

In the same Feb. 29 letter, Dean suggested what to keep in mind while traveling and recom-

mended people to avoid travel while sick, and said that travelers whom are flying run the risk of "additional health assessments, health monitoring, restricted movements, or limited contact with others."

UNH travelers that are going on a university-related spring break trip "must register their trip in the International Travel Registry," according to the email.

It is unknown what the university will do when students and faculty come back from their travel destinations post-spring break, but some off-campus housing, like The Lodges at West Edge, has sent out letters to residents warning them of the symptoms and explain measures that should be taken in response to potentially catching the virus.

"We have no reason to believe that there is any instance of Coronavirus at our community or the school you attend," a let-

ter from the Lodges at West Edge said. "However, out of abundance of caution, we thought it might be helpful to provide resources for you in case you have concerns about the spread of the disease."

The steps that the CDC recommends are: staying home and washing hands; covering noses and mouths when coughing; washing hands frequently; avoiding being six feet from a sick person, and to disinfect frequently touched surfaces - which Chief Dean has said the university has already taken steps to do.

"Staff in UNH Facilities, Housing and Dining has increased routine environmental cleaning including disinfecting frequently touched surfaces on campus like handrails, doorknobs and light switches and will be placing disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer in all classrooms, residence halls and dining halls, and areas used by the general public," Dean said.

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# Professor raps about fluid mechanics

By **Katie Hoppler**  
STAFF WRITER

Ivo Nedyalkov is a mechanical engineering lecturer at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) whose research focuses on fluid mechanics – and he also is a rapper. Nedyalkov has recorded singles and released two music videos out of a recording studio in Bulgaria. He previously thought his rapping and academic careers were parallel to each other, never intersecting. However, due to what Nedyalkov says is “luck and coincidence” he got to combine his academic flow and his rap flow in a music video that is being released this coming week.

In early October, Nedyalkov, student volunteers and a film crew from New York City funded by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers shot a music video for Nedyalkov’s rap on fluid mechanics on campus. Nedyalkov

said his rap titled, “It’s All About Flow” ties together the fundamentals of flow mechanics and lyrical rap flow.

Nedyalkov described flow mechanics as “the study of how different flows work.” There are many types of physical flows present in everyday life: water flow in rivers, air flow in sports, and blood flow in your veins, for example. Nedyalkov’s studies try to understand various flows so he can modify, improve, and develop a wide range of things.

“Whether it is making diapers or designing the newest generation of jet engines, flows are everywhere,” Nedyalkov said.

The idea for the rap developed when Nedyalkov was attending the Annual Fluid Dynamics Conference put on by the American Physical Society. At the conference “there were talks that I should make a fluids rap,” Nedyalkov said. He developed a draft

of the rap for next year’s conference and later recorded the rap at Unisound Records in Bulgaria. He shared this recording with his friends who work in the area of fluid mechanics.

After obtaining and listening to the recording, Thomas Costabile, the executive director and CEO of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), approached Nedyalkov at the national ASME conference. Costabile told Nedyalkov that he used to be a VP for Sony Music Entertainment and said he could help Nedyalkov expand his fluid rap project. Costabile and ASME became sponsors of the video and funded a crew to come to UNH to make a music video to accompany Nedyalkov’s rap.

“I was really interested in having it shot on campus because we have great facilities” Nedyalkov said. The video features the Flow Physics Facility, and the

High-Speed Cavitation Tunnel and the wave & tow tank at the Chase Ocean Laboratory. Nedyalkov has used these facilities to study flow himself. He received his Ph.D. from UNH in 2015 and shortly after became a lecturer in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at UNH.

“I realized this is more than just a hobby for him and I am happy to see him becoming a rapper who is essentially promoting STEM,” UNH student Jesse Feng, one of the students in the video, said.

“I randomly heard a rap song, I thought it was interesting and within a few days I decided I would become a rapper myself,” he said.

Nedyalkov started writing raps and sharing them with his friends when he was a teenager 17 years ago in Bulgaria. He then started recording at Unisound Studios with other Bulgarian rap-

pers. He originally wrote lyrics in Bulgarian but slowly transitioned to primarily writing lyrics in English when he moved to the United States.

Feng said that seeing the video will show that “being educated in STEM does not remove artistic skills.”

Nedyalkov believes that this rap will draw in people outside of the STEM community.

“I think music is a great way to reach out to many people and I think it will be an efficient outreach project because a lot of people will be attracted by the music and entertainment, but then get intrigued to see what all the lyrics mean,” he said.

A short version of the video was premiered at the annual American Society of Mechanical Engineers conference in Salt Lake City in November. The ASME recently released a link of the video on its YouTube channel.



*Courtesy of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers*

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# On the Spot

## With Student Senate Interim Speaker Devon Guyer

By Benjamin Strawbridge  
STAFF WRITER

In April 2019, then-Campus Structure Council Chair Devon Guyer, having just been handed defeat in the recent student body presidential elections, lost the race for the Student Senate speakership to then-incumbent Nicholas LaCourse, who seemed all but set to preside over the body's officer corps and Sunday meetings for another year.

In the midst of her defeat, the New Jersey native, a senior environmental conservation and sustainability and justice studies dual major, never imagined that in less than a year, she would end up succeeding the one who beat her, a victor who resigned alongside his parliamentarian and deputy speaker over a month ago following allegations of misconduct and harassment and a subsequent investigation.

Regardless of the extraordi-

nary circumstances leading up to her new role – confirmed by the Senate this past Sunday – Interim Speaker Guyer remains committed to the equally tumultuous office she has inherited.

“Obviously, this wasn't the way I was hoping it would pan out, but I guess things work out interestingly in the end. I'm very excited to have the opportunity to do a lot of the things I was hoping to do, which is basically just make it a very connected group of people making sure everyone knows that their voices are important; that's really my most important thing,” she told *The New Hampshire* on March 4. “I want everyone to feel like Senate is a safe place for them, those were a lot of my goals and I really hope that, with the duration of the time that I have here on this campus since I will be graduating, I will be able to achieve that in some capacity for at least some students, if not all the students that are involved with Student Senate.”

Right now, that involvement

circles around inevitable reforms to the body stemming from sources like Dean of Students John T. Kirkpatrick, who recently suggested the creation of a “Code of Ethics” to combat future concerns of harassment and misconduct within the body; in response, one of the first bills Guyer oversaw as speaker pro tempore involved the creation of a “Code of Ethics Task Force,” which saw an initial strength of her and 10 other members, including the student body president, vice president and student trustee.

As she reflects upon how to lead the Senate over the next two months, Guyer points to reforms like the “Code of Ethics” and the resumption of regular business reflect the inclusive and wide-reaching mission of the body.

“I think the mission of Student Senate is to represent all student voices on campus, [and] to really have a lot of representation from all of the halls and different walks of life that are on this campus,” she explained. “I think a huge part of Student Senate is really representing those voices – especially to administration, where students can feel like their voices are so small when, actually, they're not, and I think Student Senate kind of acts as the amplifier for those voices and gets the things heard that students want to be heard by administration and get the changes made that need to be made.”

To help achieve that mission, Guyer plans to act as a “facilitator” who oversees the Senate's processes while offering input and personal advice based on her years-worth of experience in the body, having previously served as the outreach coordinator for the Student Activity Fee Committee (SAFC) this academic year, and a Gables senator and the Campus Structure Council chair the academic year before that, the latter of which was her Senate debut that she discovered through an email.

“I had received an email about the position being open, and I always, as everyone knows, am a huge advocate for sustainability and environmental conservation, and knowing that was an aspect of that role, I fell in love with it

and became very involved with Senate by writing resolutions and working with the administration and students to kind of make sure that we can in regards to the environment on this campus.”

Since then, her multiple roles and various lawmaking endeavors have not only built up her reputation as a reliable legislator, but also allowed her to witness the skills of her peers as well, especially during this time of internal crisis and external scrutiny.

“I think that I am extremely proud of all the current Senators and people that are working so diligently and hard and are so excited to kind of work to make this a place for all students. I would say that we're making a lot of progress, we have a lot of work going on behind the scenes with students, Senators, administrators, anyone really who wants to get involved is more than welcome and we would love to have them involved...”

Her increased desire to amplify the needs of her constituents also arose from her own direct involvement in the last presidential election, where she ran for student body vice president alongside her running mate, Joseph Ramirez. Although the Ramirez-Guyer ticket lost to current Student Body President and Vice President Allison MacPhee and Kelsey Crowley, the intense election allowed her to hear more directly from the voters themselves, ranging from individual students to entire organizations outside of Senate.

“I've gained a very different perspective than one that is just my own,” Guyer said. “I think I have a better understanding of what students are looking for.”

When she is not seeking a new path forward for the Student Senate, Guyer is an avid conservationist: she has taken part in peer-led tours of the B Impact Clinic, a company-assessment collaboration between the Center for Social Innovation & Enterprise and the New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility (NHBSR) that launched last spring, and serves as the current president of UNH chapter of Xi Sigma Phi, the natural resources honor society.

Her love of conservation – a passion obtained from joining the

“cool guys” at Environment Club in middle school – stems from the fact that it often goes beyond fights against climate change.

“I think that it's easy to think of the environment as something that exists just outside of these walls, but also something that impacts people inside of them,” she said. “A lot of people are impacted by their environment, whether it be their social environment, their natural environment, the fiscal environment or the built environment; so I think that the environment has a large impact on who we are as people, and I think that if your environment is not conducive to who you are as a person, you won't be able to succeed as much as you can... my goal at the end of the day is to help someone.”

As broad as that mission sounds at the moment, Guyer told *The New Hampshire* she plans on “shifting gears” in her last weeks at UNH toward bringing reform and a more inclusive environment to the Senate she now oversees, as well as address the “mechanism” that both allowed her to get where she is today and allowed for the misconduct to occur in the past; she hopes to improve it for future students, “because there are going to be so many better students than me that are going to make so many incredible changes to this campus.”

To those newcomers and senators and students poised to return next fall, she offers a single piece of advice: never give up on passion.

“If you're passionate about something or you love something or there's something that you really want to do or make a change on this campus, you shouldn't give up. If you find alternative routes to do so or work with different people – no matter if you're in Student Senate or not – I think that you should always hold on to those passions and always do the work that you love so much, and hopefully a lot of these students do love Senate, and I think a lot of them do and they want to make this a great place as it had been... if you want to fix Senate, we want you to help us.”



Courtesy of Devon Guyer

# Spilling the tea since 1911

# Tipsy Tabby to open in Newmarket

By Anna Kate Munsey  
STAFF WRITER

Cats, delicious beverages and a whole lot of fun are coming to downtown Newmarket, New Hampshire. Kaitlyn Ferretti is the mastermind behind The Tipsy Tabby, a cat cafe that will open at 90 Main Street.

"I really feel that the goal of The Tipsy Tabby is a combination of many passions," Ferretti said about her vision for the cafe in an email to *The New Hampshire*. "I want to help the environment, find cats homes, provide my community with a fun place to spend time, increase Newmarket's consumer base. I also want to be able to get a good homemade hot chocolate, I'm not much of a coffee drinker myself!"

Understandably, many people may not fully understand how a "cat cafe" would work. Ferretti shed some light on the structure and activities that will be available.

"We'll have two distinct spaces. A cafe side with large windows viewing the lounge area where the cats will be. Customers can walk in or book an appointment online to spend an hour in the lounge. The space is small, so due to fire code there will be a maximum number of patrons allowed. This is why we've decided to allow appointments, we want to provide everyone a chance to

socialize with the cats. I think it would be easy for people to lose track of time and spend the whole day in there," Ferretti said.

When a customer pays the hour's rate, they get their first basic drink for free — which could be a plain hot chocolate, coffee, or tea. If customers are looking for something fancier, they can choose to pay a bit more to get a specialty drink such as a spiked hot chocolate or handmade boba beverage. Additionally, The Tipsy Tabby is partnering with a local bakery to provide baked treats.

Ferretti attended the University of Vermont, where she majored in zoology and minored in wildlife biology. She has worked in the veterinary industry, including volunteering at animal shelters at Georgia, where she was exposed to the "reality of feline overpopulation, crowded shelters and the very real fact that many of those cats are euthanized." She said that since she grew up in New Hampshire, she had not yet learned of the magnitude of stray animals in the southern states before living there.

"When I learned of the growing popularity of animal cafes, and had the opportunity to visit one myself, I knew it could be a great way for me to merge my love for cats and working with people," she said.

The Tipsy Tabby will also be a great space for UNH students,

as it is located right down the road from campus. Ferretti explained that the cafe will have free Wi-Fi available, and will allow outside food and beverages within reason.

"If you and some friends want to rent a few hours to study with cats, that's cool with us," she said. In the future, Ferretti hopes to have special event nights with the cats, including games, trivia, and movies.

People may have some questions regarding the cats themselves, as this is a very new concept to many. Ferretti explained that the cats will be from Cat Tales rescue in Seabrook and will be selected to go to the cafe based on their personalities, as The Tipsy Tabby will be a very social environment.

"These kitties will then live at the Tipsy Tabby until finding their forever home. Patrons interested in adopting a cat will be able to submit their application at the cafe, and Cat Tales will process the adoption including the final vet visit required before going home," she said.

The number of cats will depend on the inspection by the Department of Agriculture, which requires a permit for keeping cats on the premises of the business. Ferretti said the permit will be in conjunction with Cat Tales, and she expects to be allowed to have between four and eight cats at any given time.

Another important aspect of having a food business where animals will be present is the licensing. Ferretti shared that she has had several legislative hurdles, including getting a town zoning variance to build the apartment upstairs, though she noted they are still waiting on the "change of use zoning compliance" from the town to house the actual business. She emphasized that this is something officials have never really had experience with, as a cat cafe is a new concept. Ferretti shared that they await layout and restaurant licenses from the Department of Health and Human Services. She acknowledged that the state works through Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation and needs to be sure food and the cats are kept separate.

"Doing this may require multiple LLCs, legal counsel and just stubborn determination," she said. Ferretti is also waiting to hear about a liquor license, which she needs in order to serve the spiked hot chocolates.

Despite these obstacles, Ferretti hopes to open in late April, though she acknowledged that construction and permits may push this date back a bit. She anticipates The Tipsy Tabby likely being open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., except on Sunday when the hours will likely be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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# UNH community responds to global climate crisis

By **Aubrey Benoit**  
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WRITER

Antarctica has reached its highest temperature on record in February and scientists warn it's a part of the global climate crisis. According to The New York Times, it broke the previous record of 63.5 degrees set in March of 2015. Experts hope Gen Z know that it's up to them to fix what is almost permanently broken.

Porsche Taylor, a student and activist at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) is aware of this epidemic. Taylor stressed that Gen Z – anyone born after 1997, according to Pew Research - has full responsibility to tackle the

climate crisis. Taylor makes sure she recycles, takes short showers, is a vegetarian and limits herself to walking for transportation.

On top of that, Taylor is vocal about the importance of politics.

"It's extremely important to be involved in politics," she said. "Everyone should vote."

UNH student Alex Muto also discussed his climate involvement.

"I don't go out of the way to read the news, but if something like [Antarctica's record temperature] comes up, it's hard not to notice," Muto said.

Muto's roommate Jake Sudkin added to the conversation.

"I'm sad and want to make a change, but I've never been taught what to do," Sudkin said.

UNH journalism professor and author of "Walking to the Sun: A Journey Through America's Energy Landscapes" Tom Haines asks young people to tune in to the current climate situation. Haines encourages Gen Z to follow the news and become "students of climate change."

In his adventures through the American landscapes, Haines came to one conclusion: "things are out of whack," and could sense how artificial the world has become.

As worried as Gen Z is, Haines recommends they follow the typical suggestions: turning lights off, choose walking over driving and consuming less industrialized beefs.

In a bigger sense, he emphasizes the importance of be-

ing politically active. Gen Z has the power to "pressure leaders to make a change," Haines said.

According to National Public Radio (NPR), BBC and the UN World Meteorological Organization, this past decade is the hottest decade ever recorded, leaving the northern arctic to melt at aggressive increments.

Antarctica is out of the natural realm of the atmosphere and even if well-understood physics transition away from greenhouse gas emissions, Gen Z still faces a chronic crisis.

"Around 87 percent of glaciers along the peninsula's west coast have retreated [in the past 50 years]," according to The Washington Post. Mary Albert, a glaciologist at Dartmouth College, says it's "too late to stop [re-

treating glaciers]."

As remarkable as this process is, Albert is fearful for Gen Z. Albert hopes Gen Z limits the burning of fossil fuels.

"We don't have to resort to cavemen technology for energy. We have solar panels and even electric cars right in front of us," Albert said.

Albert added more pressure on Gen Z by saying it is "absolutely" up to them to shape the future. It is difficult to find true information from the web, but Albert knows there is "power in your own hands to look up peer-reviewed documents and educate yourself."

# Eating Concerns Awareness Week at UNH

By **Chloe Camelio**  
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WRITER

A Health & Wellness peer education group called Eating Concerns Mentors raised awareness about eating concerns across campus during National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, which took place from Feb. 24 to March 1.

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) corresponded National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, presented by the National Eating Disorder Association (NEDA), with Eating Concerns Awareness Week. This week was designated to raise awareness for

those who are struggling with an eating disorder.

The first event, held on Tuesday in the Memorial Union Building (MUB) was called "Positive Social Media." The event was designed to start a discussion about the effects that social media has on people regarding body image and to learn some ways to use social media to help improve how you view yourself versus bring yourself down.

On Wednesday, students had the opportunity to take a mid-day meditation class to learn to appreciate your body and slow down. This event was held in the Hamel Recreation Center (HRC).

Lastly, on Thursday there was an event called "Intuitive

Eating" held in the MUB where students could learn about the 10 principles of intuitive eating and how to incorporate them in their day to day life.

Laila Hammam, the dietitian at UNH Health & Wellness, explained that there are many people that students can reach out to if they are experiencing eating concerns. This includes their resident assistant (RA), a staff member at the HRC, Psychological and Counseling Services (PACS), Hammam or a clinician at Health & Wellness. Student athletes can reach out to a sports dietitian or an athletic trainer as well.

After reaching out to any of these people, students will be connected to a Health & Wellness

physician, dietitian and PACS. Hammam emphasized the importance of students being connected to all three.

"Ideally we like students to have a three-team approach to their care."

In addition to the professional help that students have access to on campus, they also can apply for an Eating Concerns Mentor (ECMs). ECMs are trained UNH peer educators. Not only do they plan and implement events around campus such as the events held during Eating Concerns Awareness Week, they offer one-on-one mentoring for students struggling with body image and eating concerns.

"ECMs are not a replace-

ment for professional help, but can provide support in addition to professional care," Hammam explained.

Since some students do not feel comfortable talking about eating concerns with their friends, it still could be beneficial to talk anonymously to someone their age that understands what they are going through. Students can request an ECM once they fill out a short questionnaire and will then be contacted within 48-72 hours.

Students who are interested in getting involved and helping other students with eating concerns can apply to become an ECM via the Health & Wellness webpage. Applications are due by April 15.



Courtesy of UNH Health and Wellness

# State Senate proposes bill addressing sexual assault on college campuses

By Jenna O'del  
STAFF WRITER

The New Hampshire State Senate recently introduced SB679: relative to policies on sexual assault in higher education institutions, a 14-page bill that would establish requirements for colleges and universities related to sexual violence. SB679 was discussed in a panel hosted by the University of New Hampshire (UNH) Students of Social Work (SOSW) and the Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP) in the Memorial Union Building on Monday.

The current process of reporting assault is not always friendly to survivors, as students attending the panel, at the panel leader, SOSW president and senior social work major Lily Clemons, described during the panel. The main issue, all agreed, was that the current process does not consistently allow for the privacy a survivor may want, and may ar-

tificially lower the sexual assault statistics on campuses because of the tedious work of reporting.

"How would someone want to answer that stuff without access to counseling?" Clemons said, pulling up an example of the reporting paperwork that can access for information such as the assaulter's criminal history.

If passed, the bill's recommendation will apply to all higher education institutions in New Hampshire, including community colleges, and private and public colleges and universities. The bill was introduced on Feb. 20, which Clemons and others interested in the bill's passing attended at the New Hampshire State House in Concord.

Clemons was at the State House as the president of SOSW, but also as part of SHARPP. At the panel, Clemons passed out pamphlets and offered paper copies of the bill. The pamphlets came from Every Voice Coalition, a Massachusetts-passed political

campaign started by survivors and their allies that pushes for sexual assault legislation, including a bill in Massachusetts. Co-founder John Gibralti reached out to SHARPP about encouraging public awareness of SB679, which put him in touch with Clemons.

Clemons outlined the bill during the panel, focusing on its six survivor-focused points, according to Every Voice: training on prevention and response to sexual assault, free medical and counseling services (listed as being implemented only "if available" in the bill), and confidential advising, so students will not have to report a sexual assault if they do not wish to.

Two of the other points refer to the law enforcement of sexual assault, with one point, written as "Amnesty" in the bill, being akin to a Good Samaritan Law: a student will not be charged or academically punished with an alcohol or drug-related offense if such occurred during the sexual

assault. The last point mandates collecting publicly-available data on sexual assaults at higher education institutions. The bill also mandates that, as part of establishing a state-wide task force on sexual assault on college campuses, a member of the task force must be sufficient in statistics.

There are approximately nine total subdivisions of the bill, and the few Clemons did not focus on refer to the consequences of a higher education institution not adhering to the bill, as well as administrative changes institutions would have to implement.

Clemons concluded her panel with a description of the bipartisan support for this bill, a rather uncommon occurrence for bills going through the legislature.

"Everyone is excited about this bill...This is something that will most likely pass," Clemons said.

Once the panel finished, Clemons opened up her presentation to questions, asking for

feedback and comments on the bill, which she said was still not finalized and thus could be revised. Students focused on the "Trauma Informed Policies" subdivision, as they wanted to make sure this would ensure the policies were survivor-friendly. Students were also concerned that this bill would benefit survivors and not the public relations of an institution—that an institution could not manipulate its sexual assault policies and reporting work to create artificially low statistics about assault on campus. Other concerns centered on funding Title IX counselor(s), and mandatory education to all students about sexual assault, which is written into the bill.

Students interested in SOSW can contact Clemons at unhsosw@gmail.com; those interested in getting involved with SB679 and Every Voice can contact outreach@everyvoicema.org.

**Check out our upcoming events!**

**March**

MUB Speaker Series: Rachael Denhollander  
Wednesday, March 25th | 7pm | MUB Granite State Room



Rachael Denhollander is an attorney, advocate, and educator who became known internationally as the first woman to file a police report and speak publicly against USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar, one of the most prolific sexual abusers in recorded history. As a result of her activism, over 250 women came forward as survivors of Nassar's abuse, leading to his life imprisonment.

**Co-Sponsors: Memorial Union Building, Residential Life, Social Work Department, The Department of Women's & Gender Studies, Affirmative Action & Equity Office, Community, Equity, and Diversity, Durham Police Department, Office of the Dean of Students**

SHARPP 5K Run and Fundraiser  
Saturday, March 28th | 11am | Thompson Hall Lawn



Join us for our first ever 5K run and fundraiser! Run or walk UNH's 5K route around campus against all forms of interpersonal violence. This event will include info tables, games, prizes, music and more. Click here to register: [bit.ly/sharpprun](http://bit.ly/sharpprun)

**April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)**

Law & Order Special Victims Unit: Discussion Series  
Monday, April 6th | 6pm | McConnell 220



SHARPP and the Justice Studies Program have partnered to present a series where episodes of Law and Order SVU will be shown. Episodes are curated with a specific topic in mind and discussions are facilitated by SHARPP staff educators and Justice Studies faculty.

UNH Anti-Violence Rally & Walk!  
Thursday, April 16th | 12:30pm-2pm | Meet outside Demeritt Hall



SHARPP invites the UNH Community to our 10th Annual Anti-Violence Rally & Walk.

This event includes info tables, guest speaker & UNH alumna Madison Lightfoot, a student call to action, and a walk around campus to spread the word of ending violence at UNH!

Email Erica Vazza at [Erica.Vazza@unh.edu](mailto:Erica.Vazza@unh.edu) for more information on how to co-sponsor this event.



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# CAB now offering MUB dinner and a movie

By **Chloe Camelio**  
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University of New Hampshire (UNH) Dining, Memorial Union and the Campus Activities Board (CAB) are now offering dinner in the dining hall and a movie in the Memorial Union Building (MUB) for \$15 for the general public, students and UNH faculty and staff.

Executive Director of Hospitality Services Bill McNamara came up with the idea.

"It's a nice way to attract the local community and staff to discover more of UNH as well as an affordable, convenient option for our students," McNamara said.

Movies play throughout the semester on the third floor in the MUB in two different theaters. Some of the movies playing later this semester include "Uncut Gems" and "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker." The current movie being played is "Frozen 2," which is available until Saturday,

March 7. Tickets are available to purchase at the MUB Ticket Office 30 minutes before the show starts or you can get tickets online at any time, and movies play Wednesday through Sunday.

"The intent is to offer the deal throughout the year that coincides with dining hall hours of operations," Director of Dining Hall Operations David Hill said. Hill also explained that the offer is currently in effect and is available "anytime there is a movie shown that coincides with a dining hall being open." There may be exceptions during winter break or in the summer.

Dinner at the dining hall would normally cost an adult without a meal plan \$15 at the door and another \$6 to see a movie (including faculty and staff). With this offer, the movie will be free if you eat at one of the dining halls.

The offer is open to any of the three dining halls, but the best option is to dine at Holloway Commons because it is connected to the MUB.

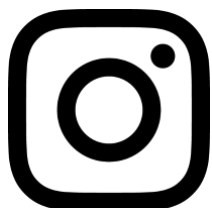


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# UNH opens housing during breaks for upcoming year

By Aqeel Hisham  
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University of New Hampshire (UNH) Housing recently announced via email to the UNH student body that 11 dorms will now be available to accommodate students during school breaks, compared to the current six dorms during winter break and nine dorms during Thanksgiving and spring break. The 11 dorms include Adams Tower West, Congreve, Devine, Fairchild, Hitchcock, Jessie Doe, Lord, McLaughlin, Randall, Sawyer and Scott halls.

“The objective of this new program is to make it simpler for students that need to stay over breaks,” Assistant Direc-

tor of Apartments and Summer Conferences Victoria Perkins. Currently, there are halls that provide housing to students over breaks, but the lengthy process, inconvenient deadlines and an additional payment has made it difficult for students to go through the application process. “With the new program, students only need to pay \$50 upfront at the beginning of each semester and they can come and go as they please,” Perkins added.

UNH’s housing department was looking at a few aspects to consider before planning this program.

“The international students’ population played a major role in the planning process, that is why we chose these 11 halls as many international students were assigned there,” Perkins said.

UNH Housing is trying to be very transparent to market this program as there might not be a guarantee to provide students with housing during breaks if they did not choose to opt in this program in the beginning of the semester. This may result in students having to follow the previous system where they would need to move into a different dorm during the period of the break.

Sophia Moe, a student from Myanmar, has previously stayed on campus during breaks.

“I usually go back to my home country during the winter break but during Thanksgiving and spring break, I would stay in my dorm room due to expensive flight tickets,” she said.

Moe, a junior who is currently living in Congreve Hall, is

pleased with the price point that was proposed for the program.

“\$50 is cheap compared to what I have paid previously,” Moe said. “The 11 dorms are scattered around campus which is a good thing. Students do not have to travel far if they did not sign up for this program and would need housing during breaks.”

Alternatively, students also have the opportunity to stay at the Waysmeet Center on Mill Road if they need housing at any point in the year for as low as \$500 per month and access to the food pantry.

“The Waysmeet Center is never closed, even during the summer so people can come in at any time,” Alissa Megee, the administrative manager at the Waysmeet Center, said.

Reshma Giji, a first-year student from India, is currently living in Hitchcock and prefers to travel during school breaks, but agrees that the price point set by the housing department for the new program is reasonable.

“I have read the email and I think that increasing the number of available dorms during the school break is great,” Giji said.

Unlike most international students, Katelyn King, a first-year student currently living in Williamson Hall, has the privilege of going back home during school breaks. However, the New Hampshire native sees the benefit of the program.

“I have a lot of friends that live out of the state so I think this new arrangement could benefit them,” King said.



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# UNH housing options photo gallery



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## New Hampshire Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Scammers are using the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's logo to try to collect money for bogus speeding tickets, state officials said Friday.

The attorney general's office said scammers using the email address "nhdot@swingmedia.xyz" are sending messages telling recipients that they will face criminal investigations if they don't send payment.

The state transportation department never sends emails seeking payment for traffic violations, nor does the EZ Pass toll system.

While EZ Pass does send emails about account balances, notifications related to violations are sent by U.S. mail.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A female bear who journeyed thousands of miles to return home after being saved and relocated by Gov. Chris Sununu is preparing to emerge from her den with three new cubs.

Sununu joined Fish and Game officials Wednesday to check on "Mink," who was set to be euthanized along with three of her offspring in 2017 after repeated problems with them feeding from trash and bird feeders culminated with two bears entering a home in Hanover. Sununu instead ordered them to be moved to far northern New Hampshire, but by last spring, Mink had found her way back to her preferred home

near Dartmouth College.

The bear currently is hibernating in a den in the same area. Sununu said her three male cubs weigh just over 6 lbs. each and are all in good health.

WEST STEWARTSTOWN, N.H. (AP) — An ice fisherman from Meredith has shattered the record for the largest lake trout ever caught in New Hampshire.

Thomas Knight had a good feeling that the trout he hauled onto the ice on Big Diamond Pond in West Stewartstown on Tuesday was bigger than the previous record-holder, a 28-lb. trout caught in 1958. The first scale he used to weigh it maxed out at 30 lbs., so he took it to a package distribution center, where he found out his catch weighed in at 37.7 lbs, according to the state Fish and Game Department.

"Most state records, when bested, are done so by only a few ounces," said fisheries biologist Andy Schafermeyer, who estimates the 40-inch-long fish was between 50 and 60 years old. "This fish is now the largest lake trout caught in all of New England."

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — The Dartmouth College Board of Trustees has approved a 3.9% increase in undergraduate tuition for the 2020-21 academic year, according to the college's website. Total undergraduate tuition,

mandatory fees, and room and board will be \$76,480 next year, the school announced Sunday. The increase is consistent with last year's rate increase.

The New Hampshire college also plans to budget \$120 million in undergraduate financial aid, a 6% increase.

The tuition rates will apply to undergraduates as well as graduate students at the Thayer School of Engineering and the Guarini School of Graduate and Advanced Studies. Tuition at the Tuck School of Business will increase 3.2%, to \$77,520. Tuition for a medical degree at the Geisel School of Medicine will increase 3% to \$67,532.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Concord Coach Lines is the latest company to announce it will no longer allow immigration officers onto buses unless they have a warrant.

The New Hampshire company's decision on Friday follows an announcement by Greyhound that it will no longer allow warrantless immigration checks on its buses.

The Associated Press obtained a memo from Customs and Border Protection that said agents can't board private buses without the consent of the bus company.

Concord Coach Lines Vice President Benjamin Blunt said the company wanted to be sure it understood the policy implications before making a decision.

Employees are now equipped with cards that will communicate the policy to Border Patrol agents, he said.

"The safety of our passengers is not something that we take lightly. We have understood the arguments for making this change, but have worked to fully understand the implications that a change would have on law enforcement's ability to prevent all forms of criminal behavior. We are confident that this is the right thing to do," he said.

The American Civil Liberties Union has been pushing for bus companies to deny searches for fear that people of color or people with foreign accents will be singled out.

"With this new policy, Concord Coach is doing the right thing and disallowing Border Patrol from conducting warrantless searches of their passengers," Sang Yeob Kim, immigration staff attorney at the ACLU of New Hampshire.

The company operates from New Hampshire and Maine, providing transportation to Boston and New York City.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire officials will use federal funds to examine the effects of rising seas on major highways and connecting routes along the coast.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is

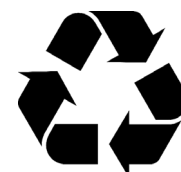
funding a "vulnerability assessment" for the I-95, Route 1 and Route 1A corridors and local connector roads, New Hampshire Public Radio reported.

Researchers will combine traffic models and climate change projections to determine what areas have a higher risk of flooding from rising sea levels.

A 2015 report by the Rockingham Planning Commission found that a 1.7-foot rise in sea levels would flood five miles of New Hampshire coastal roads. A 4-foot rise would flood more than 23 miles of roads.

A state report released last year estimated a 1-to-3-foot rise is "likely" by 2100 under most scenarios and that there is a 1-in-20 chance that a 4-foot rise could happen by the turn of the next century.

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# This day in TNH history...

Hollywood prepares for its biggest weekend of the year. Take a look at some of the Oscar hopefuls.



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Whether eating way too much or way too little, students' eating behaviors can be dangerously altered when they drink.



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### Fire at Mendum Pond burns boathouse, 32 sailboats

**Kerry Feltner**  
STAFF WRITER

A fire devastated the boathouse of the UNH sailing team early Wednesday morning at approximately 4:30 a.m.

The boathouse, which is located approximately 10 minutes from campus on Mendum's Pond, contained 32 boats. eighteen of

the boats were only a few seasons old, according to the UNH sailing team's website. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The Barrington fire department had difficulty reaching the blaze, as the path to the boathouse is not maintained during the winter season. According to the reports from the Union Leader, the dam-

ages of the fire are estimated to cost upwards of \$400,000, which includes the sailboats, launches, wet suits, and other equipment such as riggers. The sailing team is a club sport, which means that there is no direct funding provided from UNH to support and maintain the club.

The UNH sailing team is

speaking out on the incident at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 5. They are scheduled to discuss their season, the summer sailing program and commitment to rebuilding the program after such a tragic incident.

The UNH sailing team has been around since the start of UNH and has over 50 regattas in the fall season and around 30 regattas in

the spring season held all over the Northeast, where students compete at both the novice and expert level, according to the UNH sailing website. The fate of their season, which was scheduled to start over spring break, is unclear at this time.

Follow Kerry Feltner on Twitter at [Twitter.com/kerr14felt](https://twitter.com/kerr14felt)

### Bringing in the class of 2014: Admissions reading last of a record number of applications



THOMAS GOUNLEY/TNH STAFF

Grant House, home of UNH Admissions is inundated with thousands of student applications every year.

**Thomas Gounley**  
STAFF WRITER

The application reading season is winding down in Grant House, the home of UNH's Office of Admissions. And it's been a busy one.

UNH received 16,500 applications for incoming freshman by the Feb. 1 deadline this year, an all-time record. Fifteen thousand of those have already been read, with decisions already made, and the remaining offers of admission will be made in the next few weeks. From those 16,500 applicants, 2,900 of them will become the university's Class of 2014.

Director of Admissions Robert McGann attributed the rise to a sense that the university provides value.

"People aren't going to be applying here unless they see value," he said. "We've been spending a lot of time as an organization trying to get people to understand what the value experience is at UNH."

Their efforts appear to be working. The increase in the number of applications comes despite an overall drop in the pool that UNH draws its applicants from.

"In the areas that we draw most of our students from, the number of high school graduates is actually declining," McGann said.

UNH received 16,100 applications last year, and 16,200 the year before that. Nearly 6,000 of this year's applicants applied early action, a non-binding process with a deadline of Nov. 15 that guarantees students a response by Jan. 15.

One such applicant was Brian Morin, an incoming freshman who plans to major in business administration.

"I tried College Board's college finding tool and UNH was the only school that fit all of the criteria I entered," said Morin. "After a few visits, I knew it was right."

Although McGann is proud of

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### Sarah Andersen creates her own story through social work

**Amanda Beland**  
NEWS EDITOR

When she was younger, Sarah Andersen's grandmother told her she would never know if something was bad until she tried it. The then tenacious Andersen took her grandmother's advice seriously, going so far as eating escargot as a 6-year-old.

"I love food so much," said Andersen. "After she [my grandma] said that, I would just go around and try everything."

Andersen's enthusiasm for shelled mollusks has since dissipated, but her desire for adventure and discovery hasn't. In her attempts to excel at Division I lacrosse, her excursions to Honduras and her internship at the Waysmeet Center, Andersen has made the most of her time at UNH exploring the Durham community and her own capabilities. Her adventures garnered her one of the coveted "Create Your Own Story" awards, sponsored by Res Life.

According to Ruth Abelmann, one of the members for the "Create Your Own Story" nomination committee, 10 students are chosen each year that have created an interesting story from their time and experiences at UNH. Andersen is one of those 10 who were chosen for the 2009-2010 school year. She will receive a framed and poster board copy of her own story written by the staff of "Create Your Own Story" at a luncheon in April. Andersen was nominated for the award by her old assistant lacrosse coach.

"The recipients will become a part of the 'Create Your Own Story' legacy," said Abelmann.

Andersen grew up in Concord, N.H. with her mother Linda, a single



COURTESY PHOTO

Sarah Andersen holds Sandia, a young orphan, on one of her five trips to Honduras. Andersen has been traveling to Honduras since her junior year at UNH, to help orphaned children, among other charity works.

mom at the time. Her parents split up when she was in grade school, leaving Andersen with a lot of anger and frustration toward her father, and no channel to release her emotions. Andersen eventually found a safe haven in sports, in particular lacrosse, which she played avidly during her entire four year career at Concord High School.

"I just had a lot of anger and playing sports really saved me," said Andersen.

During her senior year, Andersen received a partial lacrosse scholarship to attend UNH and jumped at the opportunity. During her freshman year, Andersen's life revolved around playing lacrosse; she even planned her class schedule around practices and team workouts. Andersen was accepted at UNH as a liberal arts major. But when a required course conflicted with her practice schedule, she switched into the social work department to avoid

the requirement.

"I always liked helping people and I had considered social work, so it wasn't completely out of nowhere," said Andersen.

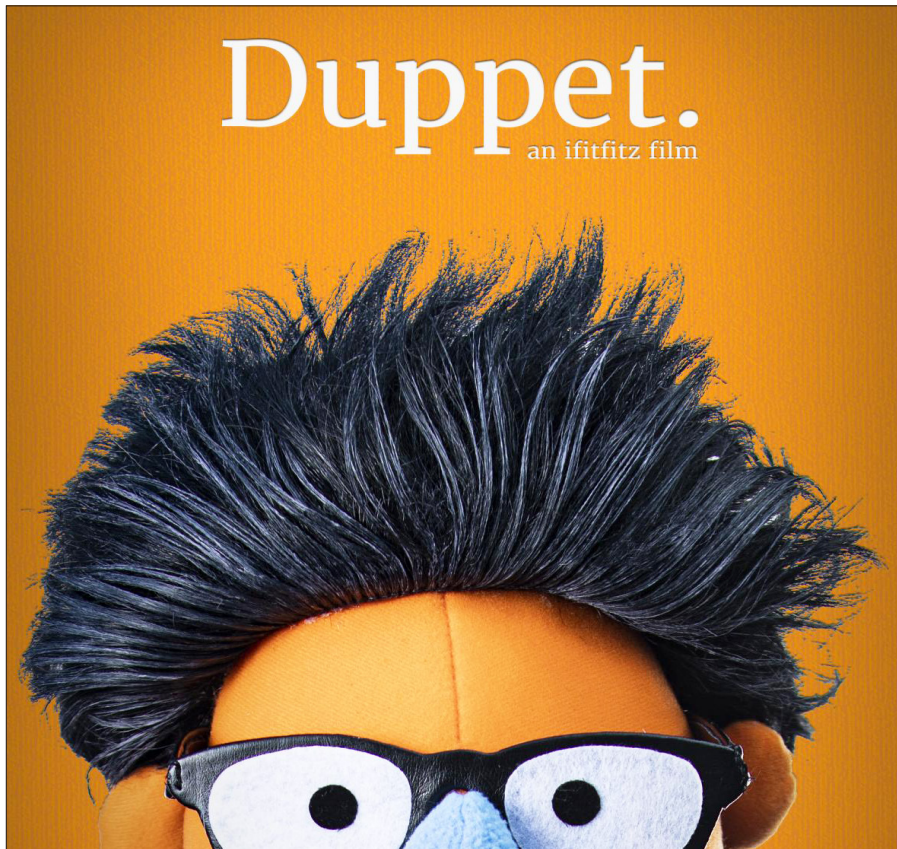
During the summer of Andersen's sophomore year, she trained harder than she ever had before. Early trips to the gym and daily lifting routines consumed her three-month break. She wanted to be the best, and she was willing to push her body to achieve that. Her body resisted in the form of plantar fasciitis, a heel injury that limited her mobility.

Her injury required time to heal, but with Andersen's demanding sports schedule, she didn't even have time for a part-time job, let alone time to recuperate. Her performance on the field worsened, as did her morale and confidence off the field. She became tired of the constant go, go, go required of a divi-

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# Depression, puppets and comedy: The droll poise of John Poveromo



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By **Ciarra Annis**  
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Curlies Comedy Club in Rochester, NH, is going to be starring a familiar face on Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7 when comedian John Poveromo brings his stand-up act to the stage. Poveromo, being familiar with the area, has performed at Curlies multiple times in the past and has a certain affinity for the comedy club. He attests this to how the club is ran in a very comedian-friendly way, owing it to manager Jay Grove (himself a comic).

"I love going back there," Poveromo said. "I get to hang out for the weekend, see a lot of regulars and a lot of new faces. It's going to be a lot of fun. It's just a really great feeling. Rochester's a great town and full of amazing people."

Poveromo first got interested in comedy when he was a child, drawn in by the relatability of the adult comics he saw on screen and encouraged by the world of Jim Hensen, that would later prove an inspiration for him.

"When I was a kid, comedians were adults who didn't take the world so seriously," Poveromo said. "So, it's a weird way to see things because growing up, you're surrounded by your parents, your teachers, people who come from a place of authority and then you see a comic and they're older and they're breaking away all the bulls\*\*\*."

Poveromo is involved in many pursuits other than stand-up comedy. He has published a book of comics entitled "Drawings From A Nobody," which was the start of his collaborations with Jetpack Comics, also in Rochester and

just around the corner from Curlies. There, he has held autograph signings and received recommendations on branching out from Marvel comics, falling in love with new comics and artists he's found there in the past. Poveromo explained his eagerness to gather new reads at Jetpack Comics on Saturday when he'll be visiting the store for an event, bringing along some of his new artwork as well.

Additionally, at the end of September last year just in time for Mental Health Awareness Month, Poveromo wrote and starred in a short film entitled "Duppet." The film was co-written by a friend, Vinnie Nardiello, and was released on Amazon Prime and YouTube.

The puppet design of "Duppet." was inspired by The Muppets, using an old puppet that Poveromo had previ-

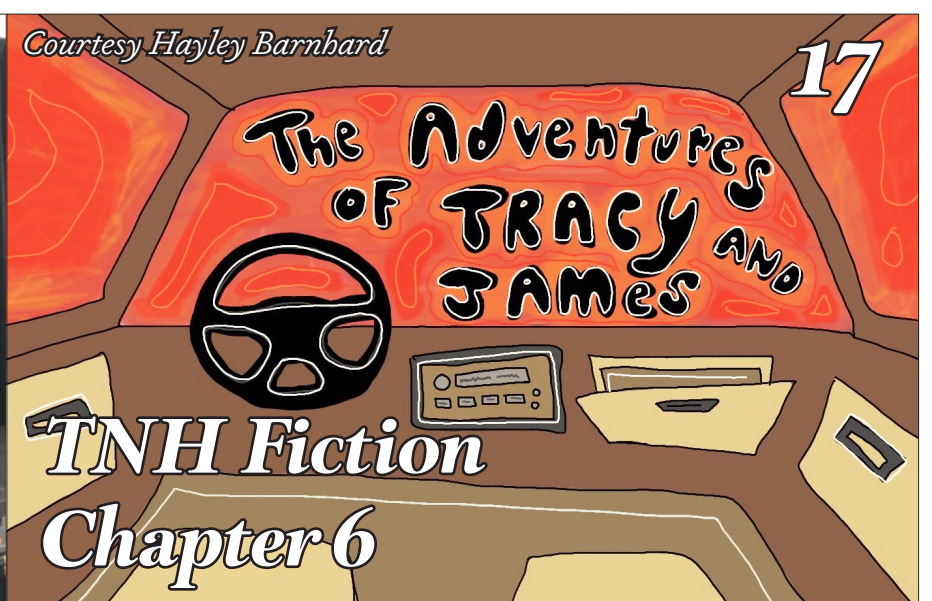
ously acquired along with a children's Elvis wig and a \$25 leather jacket from Target. The use of puppets in the short came about in that joking way when someone pitches something they don't really believe in, only for people to sit back an hour after hearing the idea and saying, "Well, actually... we could though." "Duppet." was puppeteered and voiced by a friend of Poveromo's, Greg Johnson.

The film itself was inspired by Poveromo's own experiences with depression and anxiety, particularly a three-year period after moving to California, which exacerbated ongoing issues in his life, such as a bad break-up and the loss of his parents' home in

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# Ethically-sourced, local goods at heart of Slow Food's MUB Market

By Ben Domaingue  
STAFF WRITER

With little snow and unusually warm temperatures for February, New Hampshire has experienced an odd streak of winter weather the last few months. The MUB Market, hosted by Slow Food at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and held every other Thursday in the Granite State Room in the Memorial Union Building (MUB), has felt the effects of this weather firsthand; with numerous delays, the winter farmers' market held a turnout of only 10 to 11 vendors last Thursday, Feb. 27. Nonetheless, the market must go on.

Cindy Marshall, the MUB Market's manager, explained that pulling in multiple vendors from the Seacoast and Lakes Region – as well as out of state – can be a grueling task. However, this does not stop Slow Food in its aggressive push to increase the number of vendors in attendance for students.

"We know a lot of people from word of mouth," Marshall said. "We also like to go to farmers' markets and we scout for vendors which is fun."

Marshall, responsible for facilitating the event, coordinating vendors and handling advertising, explained the biweekly indoor farmers' market's origins.

"Three years ago, someone began (MUB Market) as their senior project, and then it kind of caught on and Slow Food took it over," she said.

According to Marshall, the number of vendors should be back up to "17 to 20" once the weather clears up.

Since its inception, the MUB Market has continued to grow, seeing numerous new vendors, and a greater number of students in attendance.

"It's been growing ever since and it's great," she said.

Regardless of the actual number of vendors, students still attend the biweekly event.

"We have on average about 300 students and 100 non-students for every market we hold," Marshall said.



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There has also been a jump in the number of student organizations in attendance.

First-year environmental science major Phoebe Adame was representing Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) and works as their zero-waste coordinator. SEAC holds campus-wide clean-ups, is involved in numerous composting and sustainability projects and holds its annual SolarFest in the spring, a zero-waste and sustainability concert on campus.

This was SEAC's first MUB Market, aiming to spread awareness of their numerous projects, such as their compost-

ing efforts at the Gables and their goal to create a plastic bag ban on campus. For those interested, they meet from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the MUB.

"We wanted to get our organization out there," Adame said. "We believed it would be a great way to support sustainability and advertise."

Student organizations in attendance were not the only groups fighting for a cause dear to them. The Freedom Cafe, a Durham coffee shop on Mill Road, attended and served beverages and pastries to students.

Sophomore physics major Cole Hartnett was representing The Freedom

Cafe at the MUB Market. The local non-profit coffee shop's aim is to spread awareness on – and to ultimately end – human trafficking.

"We have all ethically sourced goods, drinks and foods," Hartnett said. "Everything we serve is fair-trade, meaning that the people in whatever country it comes from who helped make it and farm it, they all get a fair portion and pay of the good."

A major focus on the MUB Market is not only to promote ethically sourced goods but to also keep goods relatively local.

"We know our roasters personally," Hartnett said about the Freedom Cafe's coffee. "Much of our coffee comes from Flight Coffee Roasters right in Dover."

The Freedom Cafe has attended the MUB Market numerous times in the past. However, despite the shortage of vendors, there were quite a few newcomers, diversifying the array of options for local products.

Kim Perkins, the owner of August Block Farm in North Hampton, represented her business by selling dip and seasoning packets, chili starters and spices. This was Perkin's first year attending the MUB Market.

August Block Farm began as Perkins and her children were attempting to replicate a recipe they had tried from a craft fair in Maine. Their business then grew from there, creating numerous new dips to try.

Perkin's had an array of dips out to sample, all of which were received positively from students and vendors.

This semester, the MUB Market takes place in the Granite State Room every other Thursday, with the next taking place on Thursday, March 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Waysmeet Center generally hosts a MUB Market dinner following the event at 6 p.m.

Slow Food can be reached at [slowfoodunh@gmail.com](mailto:slowfoodunh@gmail.com) for further inquiries. Slow Food meets in the MUB Entertainment Center from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.



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Hurricane Sandy. Poveromo's character in "Duppet." goes through a downward spiral, unable to meet up with friends or start a relationship. He is constantly being nagged by the depression puppet that hovers around him, encouraging him to be his worst self. And the remedy to this? According to both the character and the real Poveromo: communication.

"I learned over time that it's just as important to talk as it is to listen," Poveromo said. "I think learning those skills early on helped me be able to deal with it. My friends are always checking in on each other, we have a close group chat, where we're like, 'Everybody doing alright? Haven't heard from anybody in a while, is everybody doing okay?' And that's nice to have. It sounds slightly terrible to be like, 'Are you miserable, I'm miserable, that's great news!' But it does make you feel better and you're able to really get it out in the open."

What inspired him to get into comedy is the exact thing that "Duppet." conveys—reliability.

"That's the most important thing, being able to connect with other people, but you never know," Poveromo said. "You hope whatever you make is good. And

you hope whatever you're putting out there resonates with people, but you never know until people start seeing it. And when people did and started saying such nice things about it, that was the most important part to me. Thank god, because even I was afraid to watch it at some point after it was finished."

Despite Poveromo's natural inclination to be depressed (as he calls it), specifically the three-year period that inspired his short film, his struggles with mental health have not affected his stage performances on a day-to-day basis.

"It doesn't bother me when I'm functioning, when I'm surrounded by people or friends, especially when I'm on stage," Poveromo said. "It never bothered me. I think when you're on stage, whatever you're going through, for however long you're on stage, is gone. I've performed shows when I had a 102 degree fever when I had the flu and every time I'd go on stage, I'd do 45 minutes and I'd be fine. The minute I got off stage, I was huddled in a corner, shivering, trying to eat soup and drink tea.

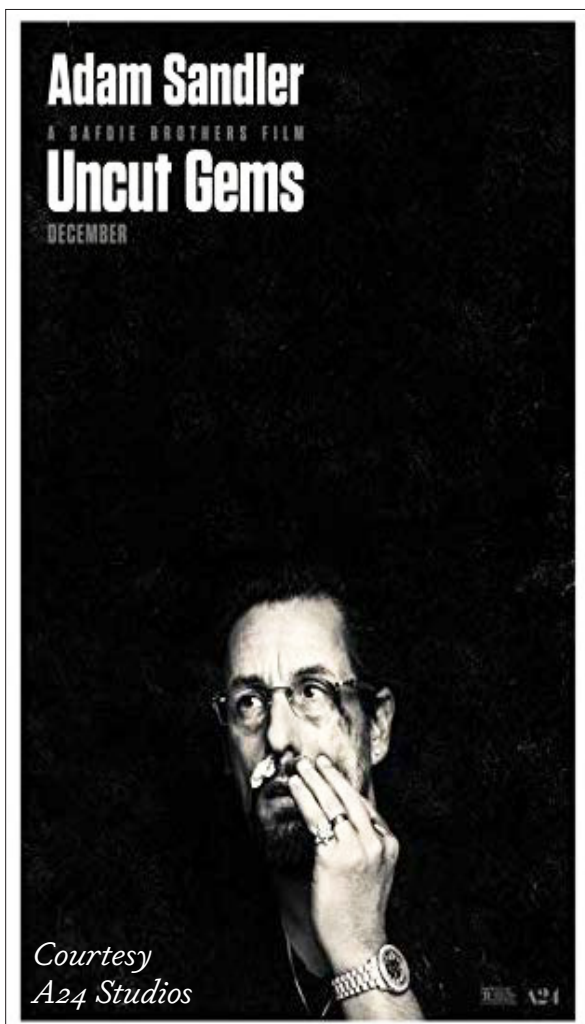
"You put that kind of s\*\*\* in the back of your mind and you just do your set. Mostly, it makes you feel better."

Courtesy John Poveromo



# The frantic, artistically-accomplished chaos of 'Uncut Gems'

By Ciarra Annis  
STAFF WRITER

Courtesy  
A24 Studios

"Uncut Gems" was one of Adam Sandler's more serious roles, breaking from his tradition of comedic films for something more on the thriller side. I will say this: He wasn't bad as the gambling addict jewel salesman Howard. If anything with this role, Sandler proves that he has an emotional range that could've been displayed a lot sooner, instead of turning out the slew of mostly forgettable comedy movies that he's churned out the past few years.

That said, by the end of the movie, I wasn't very sad to see my time with Howard as a main character come to the end. I kept finding myself in a spot where I would actively be disliking him.

To be fair, this isn't a movie where the characters are really there for you to like them. The pacing doesn't allow the viewer to do much other than strap in and enjoy (or not enjoy) the ride. For what it's worth, I fully enjoyed Kevin Garnett playing himself, and of course, I'll always be fond of any role Idina Menzel is in, even if she's mostly absent from the film—though Menzel's scenes as Howard's almost-but-not-quite ex-wife Dinah were the most memorable to me.

But then, how could I focus on all of that when it seemed every few seconds someone in the background was talking, yelling or otherwise echoing? This was most evident early on in the film, but then, perhaps I simply grew used to it, the way one would get used to a white noise machine. The noise seemed so egregious

that I'm wondering if the copy I watched had been glitched in some way. The moments of quiet we got were almost too brief to be a relief, only just giving my brain the time to catch up to what had been going on. And moments of quiet were very slim pickings within the two-hour movie.

To be fair, this same sense of busyness is also carried over in the camera shots and pacing of the film. There were some moments where all I knew was Howard running, presumably from the debt collectors who are more than willing to shake him down or beat him up to get him to pay off his debts. Maybe that's all I needed to know.

In terms of plot, there isn't a whole lot—or if there is, it's lost within the rampaging pace that was set. Howard needs to win big if he wants to pay debt collectors off, and yet he keeps on digging himself deeper into the hole. The black opal that lies at the heart of the movie, while giving some pretty cool visual effects, is both Howard's savior and oppressor as he tries to come up with some way to escape his large amounts of debt with his life still intact. Whether or not the end is satisfying, well, I suppose it depends on how fond you become of Howard.

This was the first film by the Safdies that I have watched and for what it's worth, I think I might check out another one of their films. From an artistic standpoint, it was a good watch. But for someone who actually likes to get attached to characters and enjoys being able to understand what's happening on screen without feeling the need to pause and take a moment, well, onto the next.

What do you think about Uncut Gems?

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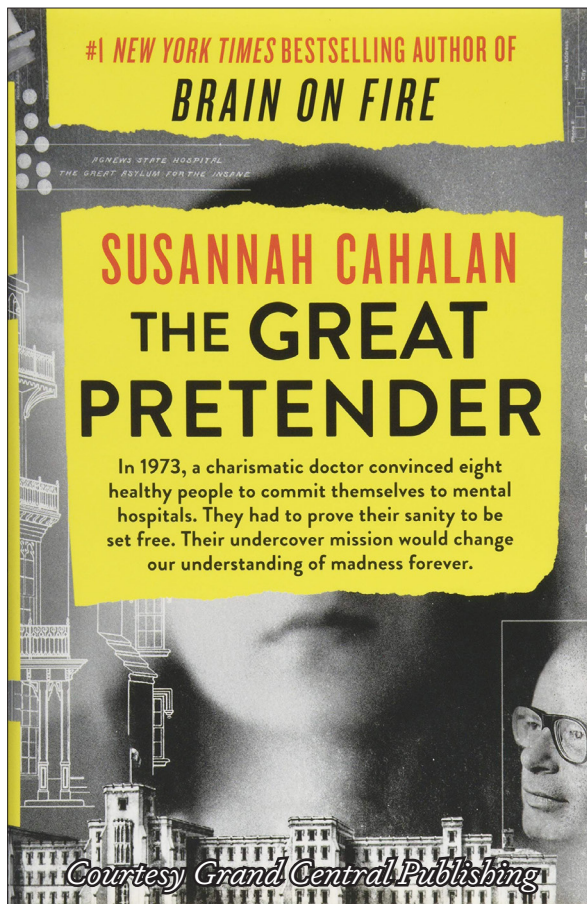
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## 'The Great Pretender' by Susannah Cahalan

By Madailein Hart  
NEWS EDITOR

Susannah Cahalan, known for her memoir "Brain on Fire," had a brush with psychosis when she developed a rare autoimmune disorder, anti-NMDA receptor encephalitis. She believed she could age people with her mind and read nurses' thoughts. Her first book, "Brain on Fire," details her descent into madness and what it was like not being in control of her body with no one to help. In her new book, "The Great Pretender," Cahalan marries her own experience with psychosis with an experiment posed by American psychologist David Rosenhan. The Rosenhan experiment asked the question, "Can psychiatrists tell the sane from the insane?" One quote from Cahalan that I loved was, "We were mastering the great mysteries of the world-conquering space, cancer, and infertility. But we still couldn't properly answer this question: what is a mental illness? Or better yet, what isn't?" Along with Rosenhan's experiment, this was the guiding question for the book.

Rosenhan's study involved himself and eight other volunteers who went undercover in psychiatric wards in the 1970s. From this research, Rosenhan concluded that doctors actually had no idea what they were doing and their practice was all a big guessing game. This study led to the closing of hundreds of psychiatric hospitals and the creation of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, also known as the DSM (or the edition we use today, the DSM-5.) Since this is a memoir, she does not romanticize mental illness or downplay what she went through. She even writes, "Mental illness was cinematic: the



genius mathematician John Nash played by Russell Crowe in 'A Beautiful Mind,' drawing equations on chalkboards, or a sexy borderline à la Angelina Jolie in 'Girl, Interrupted.' It seemed almost aspirational, some kind of tortured but sophisticated private club." She

makes it clear that mental illness, her or otherwise, isn't something to strive for but rather something dark and terrible to go through.

Throughout the book, Cahalan points out the pros and cons of nearly every decision made from this study. This includes who was involved, why Rosenhan got so involved, why certain facilities were chosen, the time spent at each facility, the way Rosenhan took his notes, among a variety of other variables. All the names of the participants were changed, so no one truly knows who participated in the study other than the brief descriptions that accompanied their fake names, although who is to say if they were fake too? As she delves deeper into this borderline obsession with the study, she soon makes a shocking discovery.

Although the book can read as a bit academic at times, it's extremely well organized and well researched (there are over 90 pages of sources on the back of my copy). There is so much rich history throughout the book as well, from Nellie Bly's undercover mission and how these patients were being treated to Rosemary Kennedy being lobotomized and the history of over-diagnosing, which all gives the reader a deeper understanding of the growth and consequences of psychology and psychiatry. She seems to come to a controversial conclusion—no one knows what psychiatry is or how the brain and the body are linked. "For every miracle like me," she writes, "there are a hundred like my mirror image; a thousand rotting away in jails or abandoned on the streets for the sin of being mentally ill; a million told that it's all in their heads."

Anyone interested in psychology, medicine or history will love this book!

## Podcast review: 'Office Ladies' spins a refreshing take on a modern classic

By Caitlin Staffanson  
STAFF WRITER

In the final episode of "The Office," Andy Bernard leaves fans to ponder his iconic quote, "I wish there was a way to know you were in the good ole days, before you've actually left them."

"The Office" highlights the inappropriate office humor of Michael Scott and his colleagues that make us cringe, laugh and cry; the Jim/Pam relationship we can't get enough of; the endless pranks Jim pulls on Dwight; and the indescribable sense of family you feel from watching these characters interact with one another. These are just a few of the components that make this show so unique.

For me, "The Office" is my break from reality – my guilty pleasure – and I know, I'm not the only one. The last episode of the NBC TV show aired in 2013. After re-watching the show too many times to count, and no series reboot in sight, all I could do to get my daily fix of "The Office" was re-watch and re-watch again and again.

Luckily for fans of "The Office," on Oct. 15, 2019, Jenna Fischer, who played the role of Pam Beesly, and her real-life best friend, Angela Kinsey, who played the role of Angela Martin, started "Office Ladies," "the ultimate The Office re-watch podcast."

Each week, on Tuesday, the "Office Ladies" podcast is posted on Apple's podcast app, or Stitcher's podcast network, Earwolf. The podcast consists of Fischer and Kinsey reflecting on each episode that aired, starting with the Pilot and consecutively following the episodes that aired after. In order to be refreshed on the elements of the episode they will be discussing, Fischer and Kinsey urge listeners to watch the episode they'll be discussing prior to listening to their review of it.

Fischer starts with a summary of the episode and then quickly dives into her "fast facts." Together, the

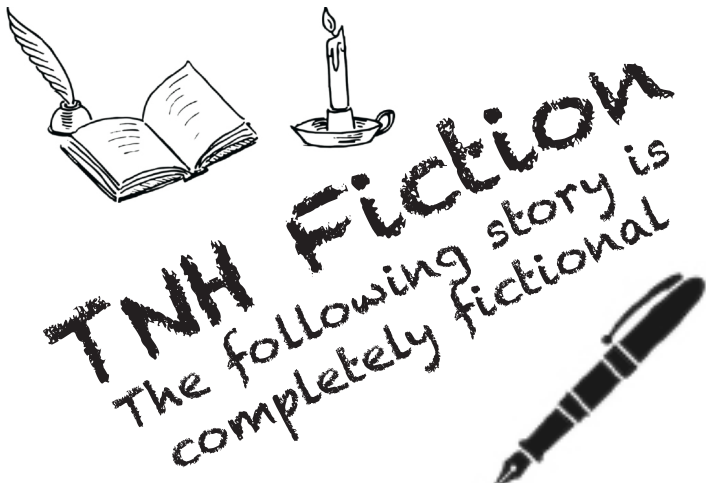
two discuss things they noticed while re-watching the episode, things they remember while filming, and typically, they bring on a guest. When it first started, I assumed the guests would be the "series regulars" of the show, but to my surprise, rather than bringing on only the actors, they've brought on set directors, staff writers, creators and supporting cast members which really allow them to explore different avenues of the show. By talking to these other people who had different roles within the show, not only do the fans learn more about what was happening behind the scenes, but so do Fischer and Kinsey.

Each week there is something new to be shared, and something new to be learned. The two "office ladies" encourage fans to send in questions that can help guide their discussions. All fans have to do is email [officeladies@earwolf.com](mailto:officeladies@earwolf.com) with the episode title in the subject line for the chance to be featured on the episode and to get their question(s) answered.

"Office Ladies" has exceeded my expectations and allows a new way for me to engage with my favorite show. Like Andy Bernard said, I wish there was a way to know you were in the good ole days, but for "The Office," "Office Ladies" is the future of the show. Nine seasons, 201 episodes and now, a podcast reviewing all that went on to create this show that so many of us adore.







By Zach Lewis  
STAFF WRITER

“Explain yourselves,” commands Khazaduul the Bloody. Guards in gold and purple silk tunics point their sharp spears in the general direction of the four heroes’ necks. James audibly swallows.

“Silence,” commands Khazaduul the Bloody.

“Well is it silence, or do you want us to explain ourselves,” Tracy responds.

“Beep!” ZoopZoop squeaks.

“How dare you question me,” Khazaduul the Bloody says. He starts to laugh. “But you know,” he continues laughing, “it hasn’t happened in such a long time it’s actually, what’s the word?”

“Humorous, my emperor?” answered a guard.

“How dare you speak to me. Guards! Seize that guard and take him to the highest tower in the deepest dungeon,” Khazaduul the Bloody says. Three purple and gold blurs drag the offender out of the court and into a dark hallway. “Humorous,” the emperor resumes laughing as if the action was a dog-eared page of a book, “that’s the word. I find it humorous that you speak to me that way, and your creature there amuses me too.”

“Beep!” ZoopZoop says.

“This other person is boring,” Khazaduul the Bloody says pointing at James. “Amuse me,” he says.

“Um, please don’t kill me?” James asks.

“Humorous again,” Khazaduul the Bloody laughs while clearing a tear away from a spherical scar on his face. “Can you believe this?” Khazaduul the Bloody asks his court. There is silence.

“I said, can you believe this?” Laughter erupts from the court.

“I’m very sorry but we really must be going,” Ozburtle the Wizard says. “Tracy, James, ZoopZoop, say goodbye to your new friend.” All four heroes wave as Ozburtle mutters an incantation. A *blip* noise is made, and the four heroes are now in a torch-lit room the size of a football field with countless amounts of treasure: gold coins, gold bars, rubies, opals, pearl necklaces, emeralds, and diamonds in large mounds like ant hills. Ivory water fountains speckle throughout the mounds and are flanked by statues of marble, gold and silver depicting heroic battles and what must be the gods, goddesses and herpes of Romduplicateshwoop 4.

“We found it,” James says.

“Don’t be dumb James,” Tracy says. “If we could have just warped here or whatever then I wouldn’t have had to rob that bank, you wouldn’t have needed to varnish that desk with minotaur pee.”

“So that’s why you robbed the bank? Why haven’t we used the money or mentioned it since... well, since we were still on campus?” James asks. Tracy turns away from James and walks in front of Ozburtle.

“Ozburtle,” Tracy says, “Why was Khazaduul the Bloody able to notice us?”

“You know,” Ozburtle the Wizard says as he throws a roasted chestnut into his mouth, “I thought about that before when I bought these babies,” he says as he shakes his half-eaten bag of roasted chestnuts.

“And,” Tracy says.

“And,” Ozburtle the Wizard says as he moves his eyes like they were riding a wave, “you know how I had that orb.

# The Adventures of Tracy and James!

## Chapter 6: Emerald Eyes

My orb?” he asks.

“Yes,” Tracy says.

“I call him Orby,” Ozburtle the Wizard says.

“Get on with it,” Tracy says.

“Well, Orby sometimes has a mind of his own,” Ozburtle says as he runs over to a pile a few feet behind Tracy and starts raccooning into the treasure.

“Wait, so did we time travel or did we just communicate with a facsimile of Khazaduul the Bloody?” James asks.

“I don’t know? Why do you care? Don’t worry about it. Now the three of you come over,” Ozburtle the Wizard says as Tracy, James and ZoopZoop gather around him. “I will say that the orb can only go into locals that have been uploaded into the wizard’s guild online database. The treasure is known to have existed and a wizard was here which is why we have this,” Ozburtle the Wizard looks to the left and to the right, “*simulation*.” He keeps digging into the treasure. “Unfortunately, as you three might expect, Khazaduul was not the most trusting and would have doused the wizard with a treasure spell.”

“So are all these piles—” James begins to ask.

“Dead wizards, yes. The emeralds are eyes,” Ozburtle says and hands James two emerald. James dry-heaves and drops them.

“The treasure you two have been looking for is a bunch of wizard corpses?” James asks.

“Well when you put it like that everything sounds awful,” Tracy says.

“And the statues weren’t wizards, and not all the piles are wizards. Many are just people that displeased the emperor in some way. Get the green light to shine over here Tracy,” Ozburtle the Wizard says. Tracy raises the eternal

green flame torch over Ozburtle’s head.

“What are you looking for?” James asks.

“Now that, James, is a very good question,” Ozburtle the Wizard says. He throws aside more gold coins. “We are looking for the heart of Prospero the Wizard. The hearts are the rubies. All knowledge is centered in the heart of a wizard.”

“Not the brain?” James asks.

“James, I’m talking about magical knowledge. The science I use is all up here,” Ozburtle the Wizard points to his head. “This, with the help of Tracy’s engineering knowledge, is how we outfitted that Tesla for interdimensional travel. Well, to be fair, Elon is about two updates behind on that, so it wasn’t too difficult since he did all of the grunt work. But,” now the wizard pointed at James’ chest, “this is where magical knowledge is kept. It’s unmeasurable by science and by Jove I’ve tried, from Angstroms to Parsecs, but anyways, Prospero is the wizard that captured the essence of this room with his magic so if we discover his Ruby,” Ozburtle looks left to right as if to see if any unwanted travelers have entered into the space, “in theory we should have the knowledge of how he got in there.”

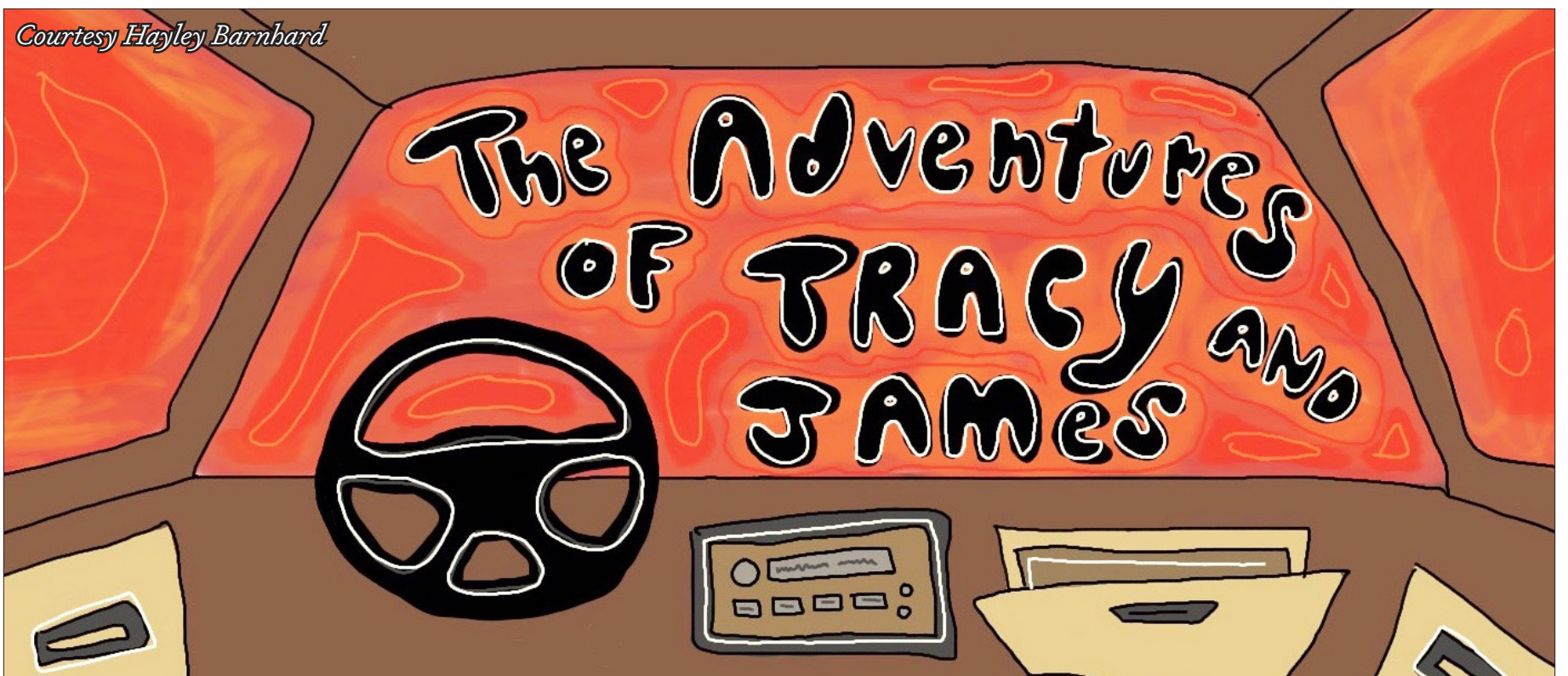
“And then we can use that to find the treasure in the real world, or at least our world,” James says.

“Exactly,” Ozburtle the Wizard says. “You get a chestnut,” he says, and offers the bag to James.

“Right, Ozburtle, but we still haven’t figured out how to tell which ruby is Prospero’s heart,” Tracy says.

“Minor details and inconveniences Tracy,” Ozburtle the Wizard says. “And speaking of,” Ozburtle clears his throat, “my hands are turning into gold.”

Courtesy Hayley Barnhard



# Ben's Bench: Welcome back, Biden

Only one word can describe what I saw and felt this week: Whoa.

After months and months of a democratic stalemate, the Democrats finally kicked off their actual presidential primary this past Super Tuesday, the atomic bomb of primary elections. From coast to coast, 14 states and territories were poised for the plucking, and seven ravenous racers seemed ready to turn 2020 into a blue-colored bloodbath: a socialist seeking revenge, a former right-hand-man grasping for survival, a billionaire flower primed to bloom, another billionaire yearning to make his millions worth it, a former gold medaling governor hoping for a comeback, a Massachusetts senator scheming up a Foxborough from-behind, and a Minnesota senator attempting to make up for lost time (and votes).

In retrospect, it seemed all but certain that the only repeat challenger, Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-VT), would win enough delegates to leave his fellow feuders in the dust and firmly clutch the nomination – and the establishment's pearls while he's at it. Or, it could have been former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, whose wealth and well-to-do staff over the 14 states made the Galactic Empire from Star Wars look small by comparison. Either way, Uncle Joe Biden looked to be on his last legs, drowning in a sea of younger wannabes from the West Side of the country.

But, man, what a week can do.

On Saturday, despite the teeth-clattering predictions of the South Carolina battlefield, it was Biden, not Bernie, who not only survived the struggle, but thrived by a nearly 30-point margin, earning him a much-needed 39 delegate surge while Sanders snatched up the remaining 15.

The next day, Tom Steyer, who outspend his rivals by tens of millions of dollars but hilariously underperformed in South Carolina by tens of thousands of votes, dropped out of the race.

The next day, Pete Buttigieg, the South Bend mayor who won Iowa and scored second in New Hampshire, dropped out of the race.

The next day, Amy Klobuchar, whose bronze medal in the Granite State failed to materialize more than seven delegates, dropped out of the race.

The next day, the headwinds that were blasting Biden before suddenly transformed into tailwinds that trounced Sanders in all but Vermont, California and Colorado.

And all that brings us to the present, and my four takeaways from these latest contests: the re-establishment of the establishment, the people's revolt against the "revolution," Bloomberg's folly, and my culminative change of heart.

First, it's rather fitting that The Atlantic called their Super Tuesday post-game "The Establishment Strikes Back," because that's exactly what happened. It's like, all at once, the moderate and centrist coalitions found a way to wake up Joe's previously sleepy campaign and convince most of the other moderates in the race to coalesce around their former savior's second-in-command, a reliable traditionalist who inspires both normalcy and a complete 180 to the current reign of Donald Trump. And for a party that wanted to battle extreme insanity with sedated predictability, Biden was the only sensible choice with a sufficiently strong (even if flawed) resume compared to the likes of Buttigieg and Klobuchar, as well as the backing of African-American voters in several southern contests. He may be another old white man running for the White House in 2020, but, then again, so is the alternative.

The alternative, meanwhile, brings me to my second point: What "revolution?" After four years of planning and plotting, the mass pro-Sanders tidal wave sunk faster than the Lusitania. Yes, he won California and Vermont, home to the biggest prize of Super Tuesday and the necessary win to be taken seriously as a candidate (as opposed to Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), who has vowed to stay put despite obtaining third place in her home state), as well as Colorado. But the fact of the matter comes down to young voters – the supposed drivers of Bernie's platform – and they simply

did not show up in the waves that Sanders hoped for. The New York Times is reporting, for instance, that only 15 percent of voters were under the age of 30 in Texas, the second-richest state of the night and home to a strong Biden win, thanks to the two-thirds of the state's electorate that aged 45 or older.

In fact, per the Times: "In no state did people younger than 30 account for more than 20 percent of the electorate, based on exit polls, and in most states they accounted for 15 percent or less... Because so few young people voted, it did not matter that Mr. Sanders won them by huge margins, because Mr. Biden won the much more plentiful older voters."

That lack of participation just cannot look good for a candidate who thrives on a more active voter base. But even then, Sanders still had a much better night than Bloomberg.

Just like how money cannot buy love, money cannot buy votes: Just look at Steyer's failure in South Carolina, or Donald Trump's 2016 election despite possessing a smaller war chest than Hillary Clinton. But Bloomberg was determined to prove that fable wrong, attempting to be the "good" Donald Trump and a more mentally reliable version of Biden, all while sinking a million dollars in Facebook ads and nearly one billion more in door knockers, television trailers and YouTube aggravations.

And what did that reward him with? A first-place win in American Samoa and four of its delegates, and a scattering of delegates in other mainland states. The irony of this win is hilariously rich: Despite winning only 53 delegates after the smoke cleared, each delegate cost at least \$8 million according to sources like the Chicago Sun-Times, making them both valuable and invaluable at the same time. Thus, it did not surprise me when I read that Bloomberg dropped out and endorsed Biden; at least I can rest now knowing that the other 99 percent of his looming net worth can be used on a more viable candidate – consider it an alternative to the alternative.

At least, I would be able to

rest if the race was not so close. Sanders and Biden are now just 50 delegates and change apart from one another, and any one week could put one of them over the edge. Either way, this stressful test of momentum will only be the beginning of the race, as Milwaukee will spit out one of them to face the wrath of Trump this November and determine whether the incumbent is worthy of a second term.

And after months of pondering it over, I strongly believe he is not.

As I have watched the last four years of the Trump presidency, I have become disillusioned with what I once believed would be a good new kind of president, one separated from the poison of archaic political structures and a realization of how government should operate. He promised to fight the "swamp" and transform America's distrust in government into passionate support for his maverick ideas and approach. Instead, he has become the "swamp," bringing out the worst of the Washington machine and miring the Republican party with debilitating racism, an antipathy towards compromise, a toxic ferocity towards those who dare to hold them accountable for their actions, and an agenda that all leads back to fueling America's modern-day equivalent to Narcissus, a demonic being whose whole existence depends on lifting himself up while weighing everyone else down. The party of Reagan, Bush and Lincoln has, for the time being, become the party of antediluvian border walls, Twitter rants and over 16,000 lies and counting.

And to those lies, I offer an alternative, absolute truth: President Joe Biden.

Biden's resurgence as a first-rate contender has comforted me, not because he is a presidential frontrunner in the mold of every American president sans Obama, but because he offers the best of both worlds: the revival of an American political community that thrives on compromise and moderation, and the rise of a system that respects and hears out the voices of all Americans, regardless of race, gender or other

characteristics. He offers a middle ground between two extreme political revolutions, one fueled by a contempt for tradition and one fueled by a contempt for alternative points of view altogether.

Biden, like me, wants the one-percent to earn a living but not allow them to keep 40 percent of the nation's wealth; he wants to improve border screening and welcome those seeking genuine protection from countries whose freedoms can be counted on one hand, not deprive economic growth through an ineffective and incomplete wall; he wants to fully realize the middle class as an actual class of ordinary Americans, not just a divider between the ultra-poor and stupid-rich.

In other words, we both want America to be reasonable, serve all the people, and not give in to political vices or dissolutions, no matter how many likes they get online.

Now, to be clear, the Democrats have not "converted" me; they have not gotten me on board with all their beliefs. I still believe in fiscal conservatism and capitalistic superiority, and in the power and necessity of self-reliance and not allowing the government to hold everyone's hands throughout life through excessive welfare programs or entitlements. I still strongly encourage a mighty military backing and in spreading American ideals around the world, even if it results in a battle or two along the way.

Should another reasonable Republican come around, I will undoubtedly return. But for now, the man who occupies the Oval Office matters more than ever, and should Joe Biden prevail in Milwaukee and keep his Super Tuesday momentum alive, I will be more than willing to become an Independent voter, grab a blue ballot and cast my vote for a saner America.

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# From the *Editor's Desk...* Scare international

COVID-19, known colloquially as coronavirus, has swept the nation in fear with recent news of the first deaths in the United States reaching national headlines. Its high mortality rate compared to the flu and its close relative, SARS, makes coronavirus an unpredictable threat.

In no way am I qualified to discuss the biological elements of a virus, nor is it my intention to downplay the legitimacy of COVID-19, but it's hard to ignore instances in the past when national media companies upsell a deadly virus for viewership.

Over the last two months, death rates in China and Italy have skyrocketed due to coronavirus, which is said to have originated in a Wuhan, China food market. The high Chinese population combined with COVID-19's two-week incubation period made its spread to different countries unavoidable.

As it has apparently begun to proliferate in the United States, though, so has national coverage. Amid a tumultuous primary election, major news stations now have the added benefit of fearmongering in a different setting when interest in Joe Biden's speech clips begin to wane. Following 15 minutes of election coverage, CNN provides up-to-second news of the latest U.S. coronavirus case.

Recently, major outlets reported a New Hampshire citizen – an employee at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, no

less – who had been advised to self-quarantine decided instead to attend an “event” in Vermont. Later in the day, officials reported that a second person in the state is presumed to have contracted the virus.

While concerns now mount on the east coast, a healthy mix of exaggerated rumors and false information have begun to swirl. If one person could embody social media sites like Twitter, that person would be shifting from jokes and memes to hysteria at a moment's notice. That said, it's a fine line between taking something like COVID-19, SARS or the flu seriously and viewing it as one big joke.

The danger lies in aligning wholly with either end of that pendulum. If it's the goal of CNN, Fox News, MSNBC and the like to get eyes glued to the screen, they'd scare the living daylights out of anyone who'll listen. On the other hand, some may be averse to the risk associated with a virus that has attached to it a 3.4 percent mortality rate, instead feeling inclined to check out entirely and crack a joke once and a while.

The smart thing to do is stay in the know without completely dismissing risk (“event”) or clutching a TV remote for the latest. That might sound a bit obvious, but there indeed exist people who don't know how to maintain a firm grasp on reality. Unfortunately, for now, that reality being we don't know enough about

the situation to make sweeping claims. Until that day, wits are the selling product.

The markets tumbled last week in one of the largest five-day drawbacks in recent history, which relates closely to expectations of COVID-19's impact on the labor force. Should the illness spread to a higher degree in the United States, companies would be forced to shut down non-essential operations for an extended period of time. It's easy to picture how that might affect current stock prices.

Fortunately, the market drop is responding to outside factors. Unlike the recession 12 years ago, which was caused by a grand internal and structural malfunction in the finance industry, this month's poor performance is attributed to something that hopefully imposes no long run threat.

In either case, the markets did fall. They responded how the average person might to news that a deadly virus has crossed country borders and now threatens to spread in the U.S. It's a cautious thing.

That's how I believe the average person might consider handling any upcoming news of COVID-19. It's correct to be concerned, but important to recognize that standpoint as wedged between two extreme ends.

**By Bret Belden**  
 EXECUTIVE EDITOR

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Binghamton ends UNH's season



COURTESY OF UNH ATHLETICS  
Ashley Storey scored 17 points in her last collegiate game.

**By Josh Morrill**  
SPORTS EDITOR

In UNH's most important game of the season, the Wildcats came up short.

This past Wednesday night, UNH travelled to Binghamton for their second straight game, and both ended in the same result: a heart-breaking loss.

The most recent matchup happened to be in the first round of the America East Tournament, and the game finished with a final score of 51-42.

UNH had a promising start to the first quarter, as they went on a 6-0 run after Bearcat sophomore forward Annie Ramil converted on the first basket of the game.

The Wildcats would ride this momentum for the rest of the quarter and five different players were able to get their name on the scoresheet, leading them to a 13-11 advantage.

With 7:57 remaining in the first half, Binghamton junior forward Olivia Ramil notched the score at 15 apiece. Following this moment, the two teams traded baskets on five consecutive possessions. Both senior guard Caroline Soucy and junior guard Amanda Torres led the 'Cats on this run.

Soucy hit a jumper before the media timeout with 2:10 left to play in the second quarter, and neither team was able to score after the break. The half ended in a 21-20 UNH lead.

Binghamton asserted themselves coming out of the half and went on a 7-0 scoring run. Storey was able to put a stop to it with a layup from close range with 8:00 to play in the third.

UNH was able to hold Bearcat star junior guard Kai Moon scoreless until the midpoint of the third when she hit 1-of-2 free throws. She then deposited her first field goal in conjunction with an unconventional three-point play from Olivia Ramil with just over a minute left to push the lead to 38-33.

Storey went on a 4-0 run of her own at the beginning of the final quarter to bring her team to within one point, but Binghamton was determined to not let UNH get any consistent momentum. They proceeded to go on another 7-0 run to give them a comfortable 47-39 lead with 5:27 to play.

The Bearcats finished the game on a 13-7 run to close out the game, as Olivia Ramil powered her team with 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Storey, the peoples' choice America East Player of the Year, finished with a team-high 17 points and 7 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to lead her team to victory. This was a trend all season long for the 'Cats.

This game concluded the Wildcats' season, and it also concluded the careers of Ashley Storey, Maggie Ahearn and Caroline Soucy. Their productivity will surely be missed going into the 2020-2021 season and replacing it will be tough to do.



WOMEN'S HOCKEY

# Wildcats advance to Semis

**By Sean Crimmins**  
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcats successfully advanced to the Hockey East semifinals for the first time since 2010 with two wins over the Providence College Friars. There was no need for the third game as the Wildcats won 4-2 and then 1-0 at Providence. Sophomore goalie Ava Boutilier's performance helped her earn the Conference Goalie of the Month as she posted a 4-2-1 record through February. She was also named Hockey East Defensive Player of the week and NCAA second star of the week for saving 58 of 60 shots and tallying an assist.

The Wildcats were lifted in game one by two goals from junior forward Grace Middleton, one of which came on the power play. UNH scored four goals in a row, three in the second period and held on to take the series lead. Boutilier stopped 23 of the 25 pucks that came her way.

The Wildcats got the scoring started halfway through the first when captain and senior forward Taylor Wenczkowski ripped a shot off of a faceoff win by first-year forward Annie Berry.

They took a 2-0 lead just over a minute into the second period after killing off a penalty. Sophomore defenseman Emily Rickwood entered the zone and put a shot through the five hole of junior goalie Sandra Abstreiter. Sophomore defenseman

Talli Warren and senior forward Meghara McManus assisted on the goal.

Just two and a half minutes later Middleton struck with her first of the game. Boutilier gave the puck to captain and senior defenseman Tori Howran behind the Wildcats' net. Howran skated the puck up the length of the ice and crossed a pass into the slot for Middleton to tip in, making it a 3-0 game, prompting the Friars to change goalies after only 13 Wildcat shots on net.

The Wildcats scored their final goal 11:56 into the middle frame as Middleton deflected a shot from Rickwood, senior forward Nicole Dunbar was credited with the secondary assist.

It did not take long for the Friars to respond, scoring their first goal just 48 seconds later. Senior defenseman Whitney Dove ripped a slap shot off a pass from senior forward Meghan Rickard, to put them on the board.

They were not done yet though as the Friars crept back to within two after a powerplay goal of their own. Rickard scored 6:36 into the third with assists coming from first-year defenseman Lauren DeBlois and first-year forward Bailey Burton.

The Friars also went all-in by pulling the goalie for an extra attacker in the final minutes of the game, but the Wildcats held on to win the game and take the advantage in the series.

Game two was also taken by the Wildcats but this time in a

close 1-0 game, benefitting from a 35 save shutout by Boutilier. The Friars brought their offensive game, outshooting the Wildcats 13-4 in the first and then 14-5 in the second but Boutilier stood tall and gave her team the chance to win.

She was aided by a whopping 25 blocked shots, with 10 different players recording at least one block, with 10 of them coming in the third period. Leading that was junior defenseman Maddie Truax with six blocks, five of them coming in the third period. Warren, Howran, Rickwood, Wenczkowski and junior defenseman Julia Scammell all recorded multiple blocked shots as well. Warren had four, Howran had three and the others had two blocks.

Howran also scored the game's lone goal 12 minutes into the second period. Sophomore forward Lauren Martin put a shot on net and the rebound bounced right out to Howran who was down low. It was only the second goal Howran scored this season, but it was a huge one as it held up as the game winner and series clinching goal.

The Wildcats will play in the Hockey East Semifinals against the University of Connecticut Huskies on Saturday, March 7. They beat the Huskies in the season series 2-1 but were outscored 4-3 during the regular season.

## Team Leaders

Goals	Assists	Points
M. McManus-17	T. Howran-20	M. McManus-27
J. Christian-9	T. Wenczkowski-14	T. Howran-22
C. Turner-7	T. Thierus-14	T. Wenczkowski-21
E. Rickwood-7	C. Turner-13	C. Turner-20
L. Martin-6	L. Martin-11	T. Thierus-20



COURTESY OF UNH ATHLETICS  
UNH goalie Ava Boutilier lead her team to a 4-2-1 record in her starts last month.

## GYMNASTICS

# Michigan sweeps UNH in Ann Arbor

By Zach Schneeloch  
SPORTS WRITER

UNH traveled to Ann Arbor, Michigan this past Friday to take on juggernaut No. 7 ranked Michigan. The team certainly has a large task ahead of them but had some extra motivation from head coach Lindsey Bruck Ayotte as Michigan was her alma mater.

The 'Cats started the meet on the uneven bars. First year gymnast Kylie Gorgenyi got off to a hot start, scoring a 9.800 along with senior Riley Freehling to pace the 'Cats in the first rotation. Unfortunately, their efforts were only good enough for a tie of seventh place in the meet. Michigan got off to a great start as they scored an impressive 49.475 to UNH's 48.825.

On the second rotation the 'Cats moved to the vault. Gorgenyi retained momentum as she scored the top spot for the 'Cats again with a 9.750 to tie for seventh place in the match. First year gymnast Robyn Kelley placed eight right behind her with a score of 9.700 to lead team. Michigan was able to claim the six top spots for the event as they continued to dominate. UNH fell further behind in the match.

Moving to the third rotation the UNH gymnasts moved to the floor exercise. Senior Emma Winer continued to shine on the exercise scoring a team best 9.825. Sophomore Hailey Lui was just



First-year all-around gymnast Alyssa Worthington totalled a 9.900 on the balance beam on Friday, which is a career best.

behind, scoring a 9.800 to tie for eighth in the meet. The Wildcats posted a 48.900 on the rotation but were still outshined by Michigan who took the first five places in the event.

Onto the fourth and final rotation, the 'Cats looked to finish strong on the balance beam. First year gymnast Alyssa Worthington was able to tie for her personal best, scoring a 9.900 to tie for

second place in the match. Winer also set a season high with a score of 9.850.

Despite UNH's efforts, Michigan won every event by a large margin. Freehling was able to tie for third all-around with a score of 38.850. In the end the 'Cats would fall to Michigan 195.050 to 197.900. "We definitely had some positive things about tonight's performance and

tried to control the things that we could. Very proud of the bar team for starting the meet off strong for us," Bruck Ayotte said. "We are looking forward to a few days of recovery and then back to the gym to work on details."

This match was certainly a learning one for the 'Cats as they faced off against top talent and were able to hold their own. They will be competing this weekend

again in a tri-meet at home against Auburn, Rutgers and Central Michigan where they look to get their season back on pace.



## LACROSSE

# Fairfield edges out UNH in Durham

By Logan Wertz  
SPORTS WRITER

The UNH women's lacrosse team (1-3) capped off yet another loss at home against Fairfield (2-4) Sunday evening.

Junior midfielder Elizabeth Blanding's monster performance of four goals wasn't enough to beat the Stags in a hard-fought battle in Durham.

To start the game off, Blanding drove down the right side of the fan at 25:34 and ripped a shot on goal to put the 'Cats up.

Netting her first goal of the season, junior attacker Sabrina Grovom scored 46 seconds later to give UNH a strong start to the game. The Stags managed to stop this streak quickly, followed with a goal from Fairfield's graduate attacker Monika Sivilli 35 seconds later at 24:13 to put the game at 2-1.

Senior midfielder Caroline Herson reestablished UNH's two-point lead with a snipe on goal at 19:00. This lead was cut in short order however due to six unanswered goals from the Stags to create a 7-3 lead for Fairfield at half.

Able to score back-to-back goals within 31 seconds, Fairfield's junior midfielder Diana

DeVita tied the game at 12:54.

Continuing their hot streak, Sivilli broke the tie at 7:02 to uplift the Stags 4-3. She continued to score her third goal of the half, putting Fairfield up 5-3 at 3:35. To close out the first-half scoring, Stag's sophomore attacker Cameryn Dera struck again with 43 seconds left on the clock.

To start off the second half, the Stags stretched their goal streak to seven following a pass from first-year attacker Elizabeth Rowe to first-year midfielder Maggie Fort to give the visitors an 8-3 lead at 26:13.

UNH first-year attacker Katie Taranto managed to find Blanding across the middle to stop the Stags' hot streak and lift UNH within 8-4.

Fairfield's junior midfielder Jillian Winwood put the Stags ahead by five goals once again at 20:42.

Netting her first goal of the season, Wildcats first-year midfielder Ava Schroeder charged towards the crease and blasted a shot on goal at 19:42, making it a four-point differential. It wasn't enough to cool down Fairfield, with goals at 18:24 and 16:46 to extend the lead to 11-5.

Trying to brew up a comeback, sophomore midfielder Em-

ily Curtis scored on a free position from the right side at 16:06 to cut the deficit to five points.

With the fire hands, Blanding netted her third goal of the game on a free position at 15:11 to trim Fairfield's advantage to 11-7.

Shortly after, the Stags managed to score adjacent goals 44 seconds apart to take a 13-7 lead at 10:38.

Junior midfielder Julia Ney-

land made a reverse pivot on the right side of the fan, scoring right after at 9:30.

Snipping her fourth goal of the game, Blanding used a stutter-step at the top of the fan to get off the defender to put UNH at a four point deficit.

The Stags didn't allow UNH to comeback, scoring another two goals to close out the game in Durham to finalize the score at

15-9.

The 'Cats (1-3) next game is against Dartmouth College (3-0) in Hanover, N.H. on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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UNH midfielder Elizabeth Blanding matched her career high of four goals on Sunday.

COURTESY OF UNH ATHLETICS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

# UNH starts playoffs at UMBC after loss to UMass Lowell



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Sean Sutherlin (above) scores 12 points and records eight rebounds in loss to UMass Lowell in the season finale, snapping four-game win-streak.

**By Cameron Beall**  
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcats looked to close out the regular season with a fifth-straight win when the UMass Lowell River Hawks rolled into Durham for the season finale. The shine of the four-game win streak was quickly taken away, however. The 'Cats came out flat and fumbled what could've been their final home game of the season after dropping to the No. 5 seed in the conference.

UNH's usual struggles at the start of the game continued on Tuesday night. UMass Lowell started the game on a 12-1 run in the first four minutes. The only Wildcat point during the run came from sophomore forward Nick Guadarrama.

Guadarrama was one of only two Wildcats to reach double digits, scoring 17 points while pull-

ing down seven boards and blocking two shots.

The Wildcats limped through the first half shooting just 23 percent in the first 20 minutes on 26 attempts. The team was able to marginally close the gap by the time halftime came. UNH has been a team that falls behind early but can usually find their game by the end of the half; this wasn't the case in the regular season finale as UMass Lowell's defense kept the Wildcat offense frustrated.

A 3-pointer from junior guard Obadiah Noel with 0:39 left on the clock extended the River Hawk lead to 29-24 before heading into the locker room.

Noel shot 5-for-8 from the field and contributed 19 points to his team's performance.

A pair of threes from graduate student Christian Lutete and Obadiah quickly extended UML's lead to 11 within the first three minutes out of halftime.

Lutete led the way for UMass Lowell with 23 points, shooting 4-for-6 from downtown and nine rebounds.

UNH never really got back in the game as the closest the score ever got from that point on was a seven-point deficit with less than a minute to play. UML kept the game in hand and won by a final of 63-54.

The River Hawks spoiled the Wildcats' plans to host an America East quarterfinal game. UMBC jumped UNH after the loss and moved into the fourth seed and will now host Guadarrama and the 'Cats in the first round.

UNH held control of their own destiny holding onto the fourth seed before this home loss. This is one thing that head coach Bill Herrion has been adamant about all season long.

"You have to win your home games," Herrion said. "One of the hardest things to do in college

basketball and in sports is to win on the road."

This year's team has been an unselfish unit playing with a vengeance. Last year's 5-24 record has been described as rock bottom by both players and coach Herrion throughout the year. Lester has seemed to have not let go how his junior season played out.

"One thing about last year is that we were playing good basketball the last 10 games. You may have not saw it in the score book but if you watched the games, we were playing hard...we always felt that we were a better team than our record, we just didn't know how to win," said Lester









Lester even noted specific moments from last year as they still sit in the back of his mind. A year of experience has made a world of difference for this group as they will head back into the

America East tournament after a one-year hiatus.

UNH split the season series with UMBC as each team won their respective home games. In their two-game slate this season, senior guard K.J. Jackson averaged 20.5 points with eight rebounds, junior forward Brandon Horvath averaged 14 points and 5.5 rebounds and sophomore guard R.J. Eytel-Rock put up 11.5 points and four rebounds. For UNH, Guadarrama averaged 14.5 points and 4.5 boards in the season series, junior Sean Sutherlin scored 10 with nine rebounds, and sophomore Marque Maultsby had 11 points on average with 6.5 rebounds.

The team will head to Maryland to meet the Retrievers on Saturday, March 7 for a 1 p.m. tip-off which will be aired on ESPN+.

## 2020 America East Playoff Picture

 24-7 (14-2)	 19-12 (10-6)	 16-15 (9-7)	 15-16 (8-8)
vs.  9-21 (5-11)	vs.  14-17 (7-9)	vs.  13-18 (7-9)	vs.  15-14 (8-8)

## MEN'S HOCKEY

# 'Cats tie in Lowell after giving up late penalty

By Sam Eggert  
SPORTS EDITOR

As the tension grows in the final stretch of the season, the Wildcats started out their bid against fourth place UMass Lowell by handing them a pair of early power plays.

Despite being listed as doubtful at Wednesday's press conference, junior wing Charlie Kelleher suited up and played minimal minutes on UNH's second line.

Luckily for the 'Cats, the tripping penalties from junior

defenseman Max Gildon and sophomore wing Joey Cipollone resulted in two successful penalty kills thanks to strong goaltending from junior Mike Robinson.

The UNH offense struggled to gain momentum in the period, only amounting three shots on net; they didn't register a shot on net until 6:30 in the first.

UML struck first with a tip-in goal from sophomore fourth-line wing Sam Knoblauch, his second of the season.

Soon after, UNH was on the power play and sophomore center Filip Engaras scored his eighth

goal of the season on a one timer courtesy of sophomore center Jackson Pierson and Gildon.

The Wildcats rode the momentum from the end of the first into the second, outshooting the River Hawks 15-5.

UNH almost scored midway through the period, as Pierson swiped across the offensive zone and ripped one to stick side of the net only to be stopped by a diving leg save from senior goaltender Tyler Wall.

Soon after, sophomore wing Eric Esposito cashed in his fourth goal of the season on an unassist-

ed breakaway where he outpaced the entire UML defense.

The third period was uneventful for the first 17 minutes, until UNH committed what was at the time the worst penalty of the season with a hooking penalty on the captain, senior defenseman Anthony Wyse.

Soon into the power play UML's sophomore defenseman scored the equalizing goal, eventually sending the game into overtime where neither team scored. UNH head coach Mike Souza explained the late goal. "We had a chance to clear the puck and we

didn't, we had a chance to block the shot and we didn't. At that time in the game, you have to make those plays," he said. "We didn't, and we paid the price for it."

UNH exited the Tsongas Center with one point, but with the way it happened the tie felt closer to a loss. Esposito touched on the result after the game. "It's definitely disappointing to not come out with a win," he said. "We all thought we deserved to come out with two points."



COURTESY OF RICHARD GAGNON

Patrick Grasso lays out for the puck in Friday's tie in Lowell. Grasso scored his thirteenth goal of the season in Saturday's loss in Durham.

## UNH finishes weekend in ninth place in Hockey East

By Sam Eggert  
SPORTS EDITOR

After an uneventful first period, the Wildcats endured a downward spiral in the second period sparked by a five-minute major on their captain, senior defenseman Anthony Wyse.

The referees penalized Wyse after a crushing hit to the head of UML's first-year wing Blake Wells. The game misconduct penalty got Wyse ejected from the contest.

UNH head coach Mike Souza spoke on the aftermath of the major. "You lose your captain, which sometimes can be a rally cry. I thought our guys did a good job killing it off. One goal, it is what it is," he said. "Just disappointed we weren't able to get two points or at least a point out of this game."

Soon after, sophomore wing Sam Knoblauch scored his second goal of the series on the pow-

er play. Knoblauch ripped a slap shot off a rebound when UNH goalie Mike Robinson was twisted out of position, leaving the glove side of the net wide open. He was assisted by sophomore defenseman Chase Blackmun and first-year wing Marek Korencik.

River Hawks head coach Norm Bazin commented on the momentum after the penalty. "It might deflate an opponent energy-wise, so from that perspective we didn't get as much as we thought we could get out of it," he said. "When you score one in a tight game, it's an advantage."

Later in the third period, UML senior wing Colin O'Neill scored on a penalty shot after a call on UNH's sophomore center Jackson Pierson.

Play was becoming more and more chippy as the night went on, eventually resulting in a 4-on-4 when junior defenseman Eric MacAdams and UML first year forward Blake Wells each got called for hitting after the whistle.

The Wildcats capitalized with sophomore wing Angus Crookshank netting his team-leading 14th goal of the season. The goal injected a shot of energy into an otherwise lethargic Whittemore Center, although the River Hawks stifled the brief celebration with a goal from junior defenseman Anthony Baxter.

Patrick Grasso followed that with a power play goal where he somehow scored while diving toward the stick side of the net.

Souza acknowledged costliness of inopportune penalties over the weekend. "There's no way for me to talk around it. You can't take a penalty in that situation. It's that simple... We don't find ourselves penalized all that often, but it seems like when we take them

they're not at great times during the game."

That was it for the goal scoring, resulting in UMass Lowell getting a win. Yet, UNH benefited from previously winless UVM sweeping Northeastern over the weekend, putting the Wildcats within one point of the eight seed.

The Wildcats continue play with a home and home series against No. 4 Boston College, who is currently atop the Hockey East. The 'Cats will be in Chestnut Hill, Mass. Friday then at home Saturday for senior night. Puck drop is set for 7 p.m. both nights.



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UNH goalie Mike Robinson made 17 saves in Saturday's loss.

## SWIM &amp; DIVE

## 'Cats claim five medals, two gold at ECAC Championship

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This past weekend, four UNH swimmers competed in Eastern College Athletic Conference Championship and the Navy Long Course Invitational. The Wildcats walked away from the weekend claiming five total medals, two of which were gold.

Sophomore Anna Metzler continued her dominance in the pool as she was named swimmer of the meet bringing home the gold in the 400 individual medley setting an America East, ECAC Championship and school record with a time of 4:07.20. This was the 17th fastest time in the nation.

Coach Josh Willman has been amazed at what Metzler has been able to do this season and can't wait to see what she'll do in NCAA Championships.

"She was the only one at the meet who made NCAA [Championships] and there were a lot of schools there with fast swimmers, so that speaks to how talented she is," he added. "She was able to break Katie Mann's record so



COURTESY OF UNH ATHLETICS

Sophomore Anna Metzler (above) won gold in the 400 individual medley.

that's a real special moment here."

This was senior Corinne Carbone's last ECAC and she was able to win the gold in the 200 individual medley and the silver in the 400 individual medley just behind Metzler. Carbone has been a crucial part of UNH's team for four years now and she is going to be missed by the entire team and coaching staff.

"Corinne is going to miss

swimming a lot and we are going to miss her a lot. Her versatility was second to none and she could score in any event," coach Willman said.

First-year swimmers Jamy Lum and Olivia Stille also competed and were able to win the other two medals for the team. Lum earned two silver medals as she placed second in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breast.

Stille, a Sweden-native, placed seventh in her first ECAC Championship in the 50 free.

Coach Willman had high hopes for the first-year swimmers and was pleased with how they performed overall.

"That was Jamy's best time by four seconds, so that was fun for her. I'm excited for her for the next few years, she made NCAA B-cuts and was able to drop two

seconds on her time in the breast," he noted. "I'm pretty confident she'll make NCAA [Championships] within the next two years."

Meanwhile, he had only good things to say about Stille and her progress here.

"She swam well. She just landed here in January and wasn't able to have a full year in our program under her belt, so these last two meets she learned a lot and we learned a lot about what works. We are just beginning to crack the surface with her," coach Willman said.

With so many young swimmers performing so well it can be exciting to look forward to next season, but there is still one more hurdle to jump. Metzler was selected to compete in NCAA Championships in the 200 and 400 IM. The meet will take place in Athens, Georgia on March 18-21. She is the only swimmer in the top 20 not from a power-five conference and is the first time UNH will be represented at the NCAA Championships since Katie Mann did in 2015 in her third straight year. This will only mark the 10th time in UNH history that a swim-

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Herrion becomes winningest coach in UNH basketball history

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In a career that began as an assistant at Boston University in 1985, Bill Herrion has accumulated plenty of accolades along the way. Herrion, a multiple-time America East Champion, coach of the year and a member of the 400-win club has now added one more thing to the mantle – winningest head coach in UNH history.

Throughout six seasons from 1985-1991 Herrion worked as an assistant coach at BU and George Washington University. He finally got a chance to head his own program when he became the head coach at Drexel University. During his time there he finished atop the conference four times, became a three-time America East Champion, led his squad to six 20-win seasons, was named a four-time America East Coach of the Year and even cracked into the NCAA Tournament three times.

Herrion had a six-year stay at East Carolina University after leaving Drexel. He didn't see the same success once he made

the move down south. During his tenure at ECU he finished with a record of just 70-98 (.417) before making the move to UNH ahead of the 2005 season.

Since joining the Wildcats, he has collected a 187-265 (.411) record. His 186th win put him past the former head coach Gerry Friel. Friel coached from 1969-1989 for UNH.

186. That is the number that cemented Herrion into the UNH history books, but that's not the narrative that he wants to be remembered for.

"There's a lot of losses in there too," mentioned Herrion after being honored at Lundholm Gymnasium.

While the team seems to be trending in the right direction under Herrion's leadership – finishing four of the last six seasons with winning records – that hasn't been enough for him, and he doesn't want the attention.

"I tell these guys it's not about me at all. It's really not. If you come up to my office, it looks like a broom closet. There's no pictures, there's nothing in there that represents anything I do,"

noted Herrion.

He understands the struggles that come along with being a head coach for so long, never knowing what's around the corner for the following season and will never take wins for granted.

The team won just five games last season and has described it as "rock bottom." While the accolades are nice, Herrion's made sure to note where his priorities remain.

"I'm just happy that these guys are enjoying winning, are feeling good about themselves and have a little bit of pride. I think that's way more important to me than any individual accomplishment," he said.

He may be the all-time winningest head coach in UNH men's basketball history, but there's one thing that Herrion truly cares about when it comes to Wildcat basketball.

"I think all of us would trade anything to try and someday win a championship here and go to a tournament, that's our ultimate goal," emphasized Herrion.



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UNH men's basketball head coach Bill Herrion.

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