



University of New Hampshire Community Mourns Death of First-Year Student

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DURHAM, N.H. - A University of New Hampshire student died at Wentworth Douglass Hospital this morning, apparently after suffering cardiac arrest while practicing with the UNH men's novice crew team at Mendum's Pond in Barrington. An autopsy will determine the exact cause of death.



Nicholas Frid

Nicholas Frid, 18, was a first-year student in the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture. He was a pre-vet major and had graduated as an honors student from Oyster River High School in June. He is the son of Peter and Kathy Frid, of Madbury. His father is CEO and general manager of New Hampshire Public Television.

“The campus is in deep shock over the untimely death of Nick Frid, who not only was a promising first-year student at the university, but an accomplished rower as well,” said UNH President Ann Weaver Hart. “This has hit us particularly hard because Nick has been a part of the UNH family for many years, as the son of Peter Frid, our CEO and general manager of New Hampshire Public Television. Our thoughts and prayers are with his parents, Peter and Kathy, as well as with Nick's two brothers. We also want to extend our sympathies to his friends and teammates.”

Hart ordered flags on campus to be flown at half-staff this week.

Men's crew is a UNH club sport, opposed to a varsity team. The health and safety standards are the same as with a varsity sport. Nick Frid had passed the physical exam in late June.

“Nick was just a great kid, and we all are devastated,” said UNH Crew Coach Pete Cathey, who also is a friend of the Frid family. “Nick was the kind of person where you just couldn't wait to see what he'd be like in 20 years, what his kids would be like.”

The UNH Crisis Response Team met this morning, and counseling is available to Nick's friends

and teammates. A memorial service will be held Oct. 8, 3 p.m., at the Durham Community Church.