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Pappas discusses COVID-19 concerns with UNH administrators

Roundtable topics included COVID-19-related costs to UNH and plans for contact tracing

By Hannah Donahue
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U.S. Rep. Chris Pappas, D-New Hampshire, was welcomed to Durham on Tuesday afternoon as part of a roundtable with senior leadership of the University of New Hampshire (UNH). The event took place in the courtyard of UNH's Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics and focused on the fall semester reopening plans in preparation for the UNH student body to return to campus next week.

Pappas, whose congressional district includes UNH, was joined in the event by the senior leaders of UNH: President James Dean, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Administration Christopher Clement, Senior Vice Provost for Research, Economic Engagement and Outreach Marian McCord and UNH Chief of Police Paul Dean. They started the roundtable off by discussing the pre-arrival testing process, as well as the required testing at the Whittemore Center this week.

In preparing for nearly 16,000 undergraduate students to return to Durham, UNH has had to increase spending significantly in order to ensure a safe campus for students in the fall. These costs include personal protective equipment, coronavirus (COVID-19) tests and an increase in spending on cleaning procedures and staff. Pappas, who has been focused on confronting COVID-19 in the Granite State and supporting small businesses and affordable COVID-19 coverage, expressed concern about the potential for a loss in revenue that many higher education institutions are having to face.

"I can't help but think of the cost of this as tremendous," said Pappas.

President Dean explained that the costs that are being incurred to assure the health, safety and well-being of students. This concern in revenue stems from the recent Huron financial report that was conducted and the announcement from UNH in April that there was a loss of approximately \$30 million due to refunds to students.

"At the same time as we have our COVID issues, we are trying to handle our current



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Congressman Chris Pappas (NH-01) meets with UNH administrators on Aug. 25 for a roundtable discussion

costs," said President Dean. Pappas was also interested in hearing of UNH's plans for contact tracing and how that would work on such a large campus.

"Contact tracing will be primarily done through DHHS [Department of Health and Human Services]," said Chief Dean. He explained that the university and Health and Wellness will be aware of positive cases before the state is, due to UNH being able to operate a lab internally, however, all results will still be reported to the DHHS.

In addition to contact tracing, Pappas also asked President Dean what the status of UNH international students currently is and if they can attend this semester in-person.

"Many of them have been with us since March," said President Dean, citing the initial shutdown of campus which resulted in students being sent home to learn remotely for the remainder of the spring semester.

"For new students, it's definitely going to be a challenge," he continued. According to the CDC, foreign nationals who have been in Iran, China,

the European Schengen area, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland and Brazil in the last 14 days may not enter the United States. There can be specific exceptions, but it is unclear if international students are one of them.

The senior leaders of UNH have found it important to watch and learn from other schools around the country that have already begun their fall semesters – many of which were in person and have had to quickly pivot to online classes due to outbreaks on campus. It has been important for them to keep in mind, especially in terms of the effect on student life and organizations.

"We've created a plan that's amazingly flexible but safe for students," Chief Dean explained to Pappas. "We will hold those accountable who do not follow policy," he continued. Chief Dean pointed out that holding students accountable is not meant to scare students, but rather it is meant to keep students and the UNH community safe.

These measures to keep students safe and healthy include "hospital-grade cleaning" according to Clement, as

well as owing it to having such a strong relationship with the town of Durham.

"I think Todd Selig and his team are exceptional, and they're doing a great job," said President Dean.

McCord also emphasized the importance of research on campus to Pappas and how it has slowed down because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of the increase in spending on COVID-19 prevention measures, research on campus has had its own drawbacks, and McCord hopes to see money put back into it without it taking away from next year's budget.

Pappas supported the flexibility in funding and also understood the importance of research, as UNH is the Granite State's flagship research university.

In terms of state-wide federal COVID-19 efforts, Pappas said "A lot of people are turning to us who have never had to reach out to a federal office before."

In an interview with *The New Hampshire*, Pappas said in order for students to achieve success in the university's reopening plans "We all have

a role to play. These reopening plans are well-developed, and it was very significant that a testing lab has been set up in a very short amount of time that can allow students to be tested twice a week."

"We all have to maintain social distancing, wear a mask, wash our hands in order for everyone to be safe around us. There's a great deal of personal responsibility."

As for the upcoming state election on Sept. 8, Pappas hopes to engage youth voters in the time of the pandemic.

"This is the opportunity for young voters to step forward and let us know what they believe and to be a part of our democratic process and I'm hoping that the strong turnout that we saw in the 2018 mid-terms elections will get even stronger in 2020. There's so much at stake in our future in terms of the economic opportunities that are available, what our healthcare system looks like, whether we can address climate change. The less young people are fully engaged in taking part in that conversation, they are not going to realize the changes that they could do."

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US Rep. Pappas visits Freedom Cafe

By Katie Hoppler
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On Aug. 26 Congressman Chris Pappas discussed voting rights in a round table with young NH Democrats. Pappas was joined by State Rep. Cam Kenney, State Rep. Cassie Levesque, Candidate for State Representative Heath Howard, and Oyster River High School Student Body President Ella Gianino. They were concerned about legislative efforts in both Concord and Washington to suppress the youth vote.

“We talk about how we want to engage the youth vote, but we have leaders who want to just roll up the welcome mat when it comes to participating in our elections,” said Pappas, who started off the conversation by discussing the Protect the Youth Vote Act that Pappas filed in US Congress alongside other colleagues.

The bill looks at the 26th Amendment in the US constitution, which guarantees any US citizen 18-years or older has a right to participate in local and federal elections. The bill will allow the Justice Department to identify and take correction actions against barriers that are impeding the 26th Amendment. Ex-

amples of these types of barriers are changing or reducing polling locations and requiring additional forms for same day voter registration.

“We are hoping that as we approach November despite this pandemic that everyone’s voice is going to be heard and I think we are in a longer-term struggle to make sure that we stop political efforts to undermine access to voting because it is so crucial,” said Pappas while discussing the bill.

Kenney came to New Hampshire in 2014 as an out-of-state student from Massachusetts. He described how it was easy for him to vote and get involved in democracy when he first came to campus but said that voter legislation passed since 2014 has made it harder for students to participate in elections. “A lot of the more current disenfranchise bills hit Concord and then I saw my constituents have to push past many barriers to get their vote in,” said Kenney.

Kenney is referring to Senate Bill 3 (SB3) and House Bill 1264 (HB1264). SB3 was passed in 2017 and requires those registering to vote in New Hampshire to provide proof of their address. HB1264 was passed in 2018 and

asks voters “to demonstrate a current intent to designate that place of abode as his or her principal place of physical presence [for the indefinite future] to the exclusion of all others.” Many politicians including Kenney and Howard believe that these laws are barriers that prevent students from voting in Durham since many college students may not have proof of domicile or the intent to make their college town their permanent residence. HB1264 is currently being contested in the New Hampshire Supreme courts.

The participants also discussed the need to mobilize the youth vote. Gianino, although unable to vote, is encouraging her classmates who are old enough to go to the polls and engage in politics. “I see a trend of general apathy with the classmates I have in terms of politics because it is so dissident right now and might not seem interesting” Gianino said. She believes the way to get youth more involved in voting is by demonstrating that politics is interesting and touches many facets of student’s everyday lives. “I think that politics is so great because there are so many different facets to it...everything there and I think that is something that young people do not realize,” said

Gianino.

Despite expressing their different concerns, all the people at the table expressed optimism about the current involvement of young people in politics. The midterm elections in 2018 had the highest youth voter turnout in US history. Gianino said she has

recognized a recent rise in activism among her high school classmates. Kenney agreed and said “students seem to understand that this election is the most important in their lifetime even if they are young.”

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Current campus COVID totals released

By Katie Hoppler
STAFF WRITER

Out of the 7082 people tested at University of New Hampshire (UNH) testing sites, 19 of them

(.27%) were positive, according to the data released by the University on Aug. 24. Eight out of the 19 positive cases are students.

These results can be found on the UNH Coronavirus Website and were attached in an email that

UNH Police Chief Paul Dean sent to the UNH Community. In his email Dean wrote “we are committed to test data transparency, while still protecting employee and student confidentiality and privacy. No personal identifiable

data will be shared.”

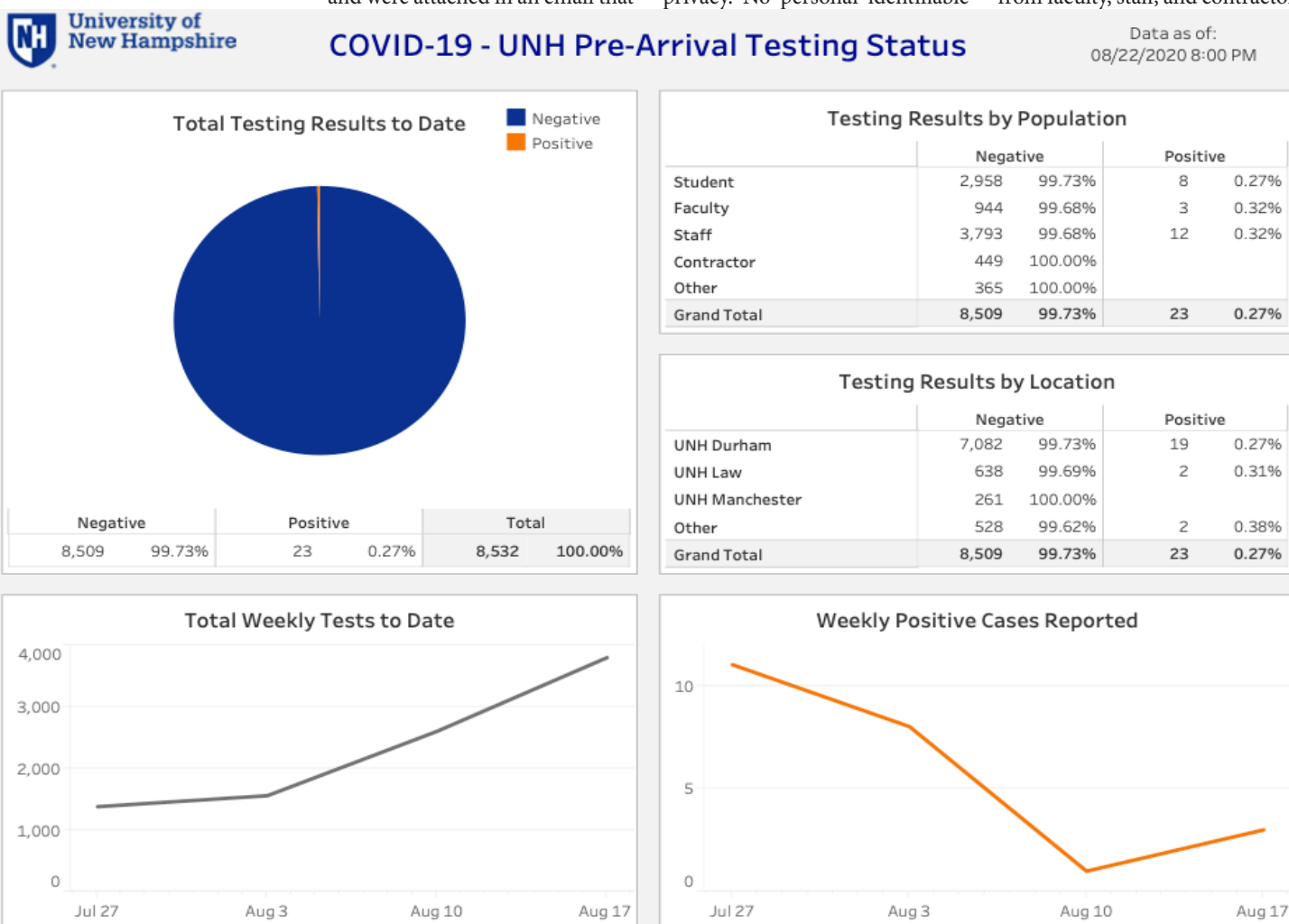
On July 27 UNH started testing students, faculty, staff, and contractors at a testing center located behind the Wildcat Stadium. The data released is primarily from faculty, staff, and contractors

who were already on campus and had to get tested weekly starting at the end of July. The data represents the cumulative number of tests and includes results from people who have been tested multiple times.

UNH is providing the testing services through a partnership with ConvenientMD. The results are typically available within 3-5 days via a Veritas Genetics portal, but some members of the UNH community have reported that it took more than 5 days for them to receive their results back.

The majority of the student pre-arrival testing has not been reported “because students were instructed to be tested no earlier than 8 days before arriving to campus.” Prearrival testing for students began the week of Aug. 24 at the Whittemore Center, where students are tested and taught how to use and deliver their own self-testing kits. Students will be tested regularly throughout the school year and need to provide a negative test in order to remain on campus in-person.

According to Dean’s email, “All data will be presented in aggregate in a dashboard that will be updated on a regular basis (likely twice a week).” The university plans to closely monitor the results from these tests and move campus into different phases accordingly based on guidance from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.



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UNH grads aim to bridge racial wealth gap in America

By Josh Morrill

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In an effort to combat the racial wealth gap in America, two UNH alumni, Geno Miller and Rayvoughn Millings, have come together in support of people of color (POC) in the workplace.

While in Durham, NH, Miller ('18) and Millings ('18) cofounded Shtudy, an online employment company that partners trained Black, Latinx and Native American technology industry hopefuls with various tech companies across America.

Now with their own office located in Manchester, NH, Miller and Millings are aiming to make their presence felt in the New England area, with goals of branching out in the future.

"The whole point is to bridge the racial wealth gap in America," Miller said. "We want to bring wealth and keep wealth in marginalized communities in New Hampshire and outside of it as well."

The median net worth of black households is currently at \$17,150, which is 8.7 percent of the median net worth in a non-Hispanic white household according to the Federal Reserve's Survey of Consumer Finances. This is the racial wealth gap that Miller is referring to, and he feels as though tech jobs are the most effective way to diminish the issue.

"Tech is the place to be and it's the way to bridge the racial wealth gap," Miller said. "The average income for skilled tech workers is about \$135,000 and that's about twice the amount of a Black and Latinx family combined."

Miller added that the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and recent racial inequality issues in America have allowed Shtudy to further their mission of getting POC in high ranking tech positions.

"With the current climate right now, it's the right time,"



Geno Miller (left) and Rayvoughn Millings (right) of Shtudy. [Photo courtesy of Jack Potvin]

Miller said. "A lot of people need jobs and a lot of companies are looking for people, especially engineers who can work on security, and implementing remote technical solutions that are essential to staying functional as a business right now."

So far, Shtudy has averaged 100 sign-ups per week. Along with being Black, Latinx or Native American, to qualify for the program a candidate has to preferably have prior experience in the tech industry, five or less years of work experience, be in college or a recent graduate and/or have taken coding bootcamps in the past.

Once in the Shtudy program, these job seekers are encouraged to select a career path, then complete and pass a technical screening quiz within that path. Miller explained that these quizzes are much like the ones used at high profile companies like Google, Amazon and Netflix, among others. If the quiz is passed, then he or she is directed to the "training

library" which instructs them on communicative skills and technological holes in their repertoire. Concluding the program is a one-on-one mock interview with a recruiter that will eventually deem him or her job ready and ready for real job openings.

"This process has taken about three to four weeks for each candidate so far from (Shtudy) just hustling and grinding, but with the platform evolution we hope for it to take about one to two weeks," Miller said.

Shtudy is paid per placement from businesses that they partner with, and the price varies when companies want to interview potential candidates in bulk. Miller also mentioned that if a company wanted to inquire about a yearly subscription to Shtudy then the price would be negotiable.

What led Miller to Shtudy was his upbringing in Maryland. He used football and his entrepreneurial skills to keep himself occupied and on the right track,

but some of his peers didn't have similar outcomes.

"I'm fortunate to be where I am, but I know a lot of people that look like me that haven't been as fortunate...It's just because they didn't know where to get it from," Miller said. "The skillsets needed to stay focused and overcome those challenges"

Currently, POC workers occupy nine percent of all tech jobs in America. One reason for this is the lack of Black and Latinx tech graduates.

According to the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, 3.86 percent of all engineering bachelor's degrees were earned by African American students in as recent as 2016. Latinx students hold 10.4 percent of those degrees as well.

Another is because the qualified POC don't have the ability to get their foot in the door at established companies, and that is what Shtudy is trying to help with.

To grow and promote their

brand, Shtudy has searched for more funding and ways to connect themselves with an increasing amount of tech companies across the country.

"We've raised about 150,000 in funding to date and we got a research grant to go down to Silicon Valley," Miller said. "We talked to hundreds of companies like Airbnb, Tesla and Google...our main goal was to get educated on the issue of the racial wealth gap and also how we can solve it. Even though there aren't a lot of people of color at these companies, it was surprising to see how many actually cared about the issue."

Shtudy has also partnered with charitable foundations like "Flowers of the Future" which is the foundation of Detroit Lions linebacker Trey Flowers. They have collaborated on hosting coding bootcamps in Detroit, M.I. and they plan to keep working together in the future.

UNH releases details on COVID-19 related incident

By Anna Kate Munsey
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As University of New Hampshire (UNH) students continue to arrive in Durham and on campus, university administrators have developed a system for reporting incidences of non-compliance of coronavirus (COVID-19) procedures and requirements.

"One of the best ways for us to succeed this fall is to create a positive culture where mask wearing and physical distancing become second nature. It is up to all of us to establish that cul-

ture together," wrote Senior Vice Provost for Student Life Kenneth Holmes in an email to students on Wednesday, Aug. 26.

In the email, Holmes stated that there were UNH students at an off-campus party on Aug. 24, many of whom were not complying with university-mandated COVID-19 policies, according to the police report. "It is reckless behavior such as this that will necessitate UNH pivoting back to remote learning only. In the end, you and your peers will have the final say if we stay together or not," wrote Holmes.

Holmes emphasized the need

for collaboration and teamwork to ensure the success of the university's campus reopening plans. Students should be setting a good example by wearing masks and respecting social distancing, which sends the message to peers that you are taking this seriously, according to Holmes. He encouraged students to give friendly reminders to their peers about following COVID-19 procedures such as mask-wearing and gathering in large groups - which is defined as no more than 25 people, both indoors or outdoors.

Additionally, Holmes outlined how the university will han-

dle cases of noncompliance.

There will be a user-friendly "COVID Incident Reporting Form," where students, staff, faculty and members of the public are able to report COVID-related problems or incidents they witness. UNH will review the reports and "the identified student(s) will meet with the Dean of Students or their designee. Subsequent visits will result in more severe discipline, which could include suspension and expulsion." The full process is outlined here.

Holmes also stated that if you do not know the student you witness violating the COVID-19

protocols, "You may upload a picture via the form if necessary."

"Again, while enforcement is essential, establishing a culture of safety is imperative. The more we can do in our small way to build that culture, the better off we will be," wrote Holmes.

Additionally, the university has set up a COVID-19 hotline and email "For health, safety and other pressing issues not addressed in the FAQs."

UNH aims to support mental health of students

By Caitlin Staffanson
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Over the summer the University of New Hampshire (UNH) announced their fall semester public health campaign [#unhtogether](#). This campaign offers guidelines for the university community to help one another remain safe and healthy during the coronavirus (COVID-19). While public health and safety during a global pandemic is of extreme importance, the campaign is emphasizing the additional significance of mental health and wellbeing.

One of the key components to [#unhtogether](#) campaign is “Wildcats Care.” This portion of the campaign asks students and faculty to, “Practice self-care. Reach out for support” and advises the Wildcat community struggling with mental health to reach out to [Psychological and Counseling Services](#) (PACS).

“We all are in this and need to do this together, as a community,” said Kathleen Grace-Bishop, the Director of Education and Promotion for Health and Wellness. “That is what Wildcats do.”

PACS has been working to offer students and faculty in-person and virtual services to meet the needs of their clients for the fall 2020 semester. PACS as a center did not take an active role in the implementation of [#unhtogether](#); however, the Director of PACS, Dr. Shari Robinson, is a member serving on the COVID-19 Se-

nior Management Team. This team reviewed [#unhtogether](#) and gave feedback and input before the campaign’s implementation.

For the fall semester, PACS focused on making sure the UNH community knows they are still there to help students and faculty and to make sure the community is aware of the services they are currently offering. PACS has been making a strong, intentional and methodical website presence over the summer so the community is aware of their resources. PACS does have a session limit for individual therapy which is eight appointments per academic year; however, group therapy has no session limits. Group therapy sessions will look a little different this semester. Due to the nature of group therapy, it is difficult to adequately social distance. This service will be offered in an online setting only.

“We do have to maintain session limits for individual therapy because if we don’t, what happens is it becomes a social justice issue,” said Dr. Robinson. “You can service a few students as much as they want, but then what about the rest of the population? Nobody has unlimited resources or an unlimited capacity, so we had to make some decisions on where to place some limits and parameters.”

Tele-mental health was a new service offered by PACS in the spring of 2020 when the campus went online. This service will be continued now and



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UNH announces new health campaign “UNHtogether” supporting student mental health.

for the years to follow. Tele-mental health has broken a distance barrier between PACS and students who are online, or are on a different campus like Manchester and UNH Law.

PACS is continuing to offer [WellTrack](#) which is an online service offered through their website or available in an app format. This tool helps teach management techniques to people who suffer from moderate depression, stress, and anxiety.

A new service for PACS this semester is ProtoCall. ProtoCall is 24/7, 365 day at the hour crisis service. If someone calls ProtoCall they

will receive a crisis counselor to talk to who can provide crisis support via the telephone. This counselor will talk to that person in distress for as long as it is needed. This service is available for all UNH students and campuses. PACS will receive a report from the phone call and will follow-up with the student after.

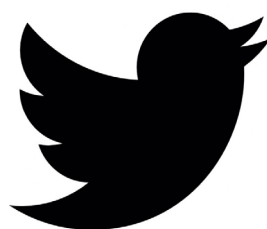
PACS services remain the same but are offered in a hybrid model where some resources can happen both face-to-face and online, but some can only properly be offered virtually for the time being. If a student is non-compliant with current university guidelines, PACS

has the right to refuse service for the safety of staff and other students.

“I want students to know that all of the student support services are in full operation,” said Dr. Robinson. “Now, that is going to look different. I think all offices have been told that they need some face-to-face presence, but every unit is doing it slightly different. I want students to know, you pay these fees, so all these services are fully operational. Some of them will be a hybrid model like PACS, and some will have more of an online presence.”

Suicide hotline	PACS phone number	PACS website
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Campus program “pupdate”: the status of Paws & Relax

By Julia Stinneford
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For the first time in five years, the Health and Wellness Paws & Relax program, which allows students to relieve stress with therapy animals, will not be offered when students return to the University of New Hampshire (UNH) this fall.

Dawn Zitney, a Wellness Educator/Counselor with Health and Wellness, confirmed via email that Health and Wellness is currently “unsure if we will be able to offer Paws & Relax” during the upcoming fall semester.

Zitney said that this decision is “based on health and safety guidelines for both UNH and Pet Partners volunteers,” citing “health and safety” concerns. The Pet Partners program is a non-profit dedicated to facilitating human-animal bonds, training pets for therapy. Volunteers for the Paws & Relax program include but are not limited to Pet Partners, and certain animals have become well-recognized on campus

from their participation in Paws & Relax, such as Tuna the cat and the golden retriever North.

Health and Wellness has offered the Paws & Relax program since 2015, allowing students to meet with furry friends as a way to de-stress. The sessions have occurred on a weekly basis in previous semesters, held in the Hamel Recreation Center.

While the program is currently not being offered, Zitney said that Health and Wellness is considering options to make it available. “If we are able to offer something,” she said, “it will look very different than it did prior to COVID.”

With the bulk of Health and Wellness’s resources and focus on the COVID-19 pandemic and programs being put in place such as COVID testing and the #unhtogether campaign, the future of Paws & Relax this fall may remain uncertain for some time. Zitney said that they “hope to announce the status of the program in the next several weeks.”



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North, a Golden Retriever and Pet Partner in Paws & Relax pet therapy program

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Back-to-school voting guide for the New Hampshire state primaries

By Evan Edmonds
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University of New Hampshire (UNH) students return to classes on Monday, just a week before New Hampshire’s Republican and Democratic State primaries on Tuesday, September 8. With the coronavirus (COVID-19) at hand, Durham’s town administration prefers that students take more time in advance when preparing to vote this fall.

The town of Durham administration is encouraging students to register ahead of time and vote absentee to ensure everyone’s safety with the upcoming elections taking place in the midst of COVID-19.

Registration to vote takes place at the Durham Town Clerk’s office, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. The last day to register for the NH State Primary is Monday, August 31st and October 25th for the general election. Those who wish to register must bring proof of identity, residency, age and citizenship.

Town Administrator Todd Selig said the town’s goal is to run a safe and healthy election, and one of the ways to do so is overtly encouraging students in particular to register in advance to vote or vote absentee. He said there’s been a “tremendous uptick” in pro-absentee voters

in Durham- so far, and it is evident in the amount of people calling and emailing the town with suggestions on improving the voting process.

Having an election during a pandemic is a unique challenge, Selig said, and on a day where Durham may process anywhere from 9,000 to 12,000 voters, there is much to be considered about making the voting process as safe as possible for everyone involved.

Selig said that a typical presidential election in Durham could mean registering as many as 4,500 people on the day.

This number wouldn’t usually be an issue, but Selig said that students taking the time to register in advance and not registering the day of voting would “make it easier for everybody,” especially during the pandemic. Lorrie Pitt, the Town Clerk, said the emphasis on registering early and voting absentee is to ensure there is the least amount of people grouped at the polls on Election Day.

Ann Shump, Durham’s Supervisor of the Checklist said that the pandemic has left the town with less volunteers to register people at the polls. Typically a single volunteer could register two people at a time, Shump said, but with the necessity of social distancing, that process would be half as fast.

Shump has been working with the UNH and the Vice

Provost for Student Life and Dean of Students Kenneth Holmes to figure out what the town and the university are willing to do in terms of events. She said there is still a gray area due to the pandemic. However, as a part of the Wildcat Days scavenger hunt, freshmen will have the opportunity to visit Durham’s town hall and register to vote this Friday from 1 to 4 PM.

Shump said for the upcoming primary, there have been over 1,700 requests for absentee ballots in Durham and over 800 of them returned.

This is a massive increase in the numbers from two years ago, where there were 150 absentee ballots total in Durham. It is important to note that New Hampshire primaries are semi-closed, meaning you must vote according to the party you are registered to and if you are registered Independent, you will still have the option to choose a ballot.

College students in New Hampshire have the option to vote within their hometown or the town that their school is located in. In order to register in Durham, students can present proof of residency within Durham. These documents could be from UNH providing a student lives in campus housing, a rental agreement or lease that proves residence at the time of the election, or a screen shot from a student’s

Webcat account that shows a student’s dorm assignment or off-campus residence address on a smartphone. The New Hampshire Secretary of State provides more details on their website for students registering Durham as their domicile.

A primary is a pre-election process meant for voters to select their preferred candidates for the following general election. The general election takes place on November 3.

For the U.S. Senate seat, Democratic candidates include: Jeanne Shaheen, current New Hampshire Senator who has served since 2009, Tom Alciere, former Libertarian candidate who ran for New Hampshire’s 2nd Congressional District in 2018, and Paul Krautmann, a US army veteran who served from 1972 to 2005. Republican candidates for senate include Gerard Beloin, Don Bolduc, Andy Martin, a former candidate for New Hampshire’s 1st Congressional District in the U.S House, and Corky Messner.

Democratic candidates for governor include Andru Volinsky, a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council and New Hampshire State Sen. Dan Feltes, who represents District 15. Republican candidates for governor include incumbent Gov. Chris Sununu and Karen Testerman, a former U.S. Senate candidate in New Hampshire.

Durham is in New Hampshire’s 1st Congressional District, which is currently represented by Rep. Chris Pappas, the only Democratic candidate as of now. Republican challengers include Matt Mowers, Kevin Rondeau, Michael Kallis, Jeff Denaro, and Matt Mayberry.

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New boutique Em & Elle opens in Durham

By Hannah Donahue
CONTENT EDITOR

Em & Elle, a modern and stylish boutique, was welcomed to the Durham business community on Monday as it opened its doors for the first time.

This is the shop's second location, the first being in downtown Portsmouth and formerly known as Serendipity. Owner Chloe Kelley, a Durham native, was eager to open the second location after seeing the "for rent" sign back in June on a trip to the post office to drop off online orders when the Portsmouth location was still closed due to the pandemic.

"I have been apprehensive over the years when considering a second location, but our Em & Elle team members have been enthusiastic about the idea for some time, and loyal customers have also encouraged me to take the leap," said Kelley.

However, Kelley is not the original owner of the boutique. Kelley worked at the shop as a teen when it was still known as Serendipity in Portsmouth.

"I applied asking the owner, Martha Stolzer, if she could teach me the ropes because I thought I might like to have my own store one day. She took me under her wing and taught me all about the business. Over the next nine years Martha and I developed one of the most important and meaningful relationships I've ever had. She was not only a boss but a mentor, and a true friend. Together we worked to keep Serendipity successful and relevant in a very online based shopping world. She taught me that a boutique is about the experience customers have when they come in and the relationships we build with them."

Stolzer ended up selling Serendipity to Kelley and she felt it was time to give the boutique a new logo and name after so many years. She worked

closely with the now-general manager of the Durham location, Sarah Murphy-Rounds, to bring her vision to life.

"We struggled with what to name the store, and agreed that it would be nice to use two names to perpetuate the sentiment of shopping and spending time together. Whether it is friends or family we want the boutique experience to be enjoyable for everyone, and for all ages.

We finally settled on using the initials of our dogs, who were littermates. Mazzy & Lucy, M & L, Em & Elle. It was a roundabout way of coming up with a name but it is meaningful to us, and even more so now that Lucy has passed," said Kelley.

Kelley and Murphy-Rounds strive to keep the boutique filled with a wide range of products so there is something in it for everyone, whether it be clothing, accessories or gifts. As for clothing, Kelley says you can find clothes for

anything from going out to exercising, and everything in between.

"And if none of that is for you, there are greeting cards, really cute stuffed animals, scrunchies and home decor! We are always interested in hearing your thoughts and suggestions. If you want to see more of something in the store we will do our best to add it to our collection, just let us know," she said.

Kelley's favorite part about opening up a new location has been getting the opportunity to transform the space into something "new and exciting." While they have had to take extra care to ensure safety for customers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, they still enjoyed being able to put care and creativity into the appearance of the boutique.

"In both our locations we ask that everyone wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth at all times. We provide hand sanitizer and ask custom-

ers to use it before shopping around and handling any products. We are monitoring our head count in each shop and adjusting the number of people allowed in the store at a time as needed which means that occasionally people may be asked to wait a few moments outside. We are also asking that people remain masked while trying clothes on in the fitting rooms," said Kelley in regards to the preventative measures being taken inside the store.

On opening day, the boutique, located in Suite 102 at 1 Madbury Rd., welcomed plenty of customers, as well as other local business owners who stopped by to introduce themselves and welcome Em & Elle to the community.

"To see all of our hard work come together and to see people's positive reactions was great. Em & Elle team members greeted friend after friend as people came in to show their support."



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New, modern boutique Em & Elle opened its second location in Durham on Monday.



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First-year students make their way into Durham



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First-year students move into their UNH dorms and apartments in a staggered move in process with social distancing and zoom meetings with RAs.

By Shawn Latulippe DESIGN EDITOR

University of New Hampshire (UNH) students have been part of an ongoing staggered move-in process throughout the month of August in an effort to accommodate social distancing protocols in place.

Incoming first-year student Amanda Sue said that overall she felt her move into Alexander Hall went smoothly, with early drop off and COVID-19 tests. She drove an hour to UNH from Massachusetts and when she finally arrived she said, “it seems like a hassle, but it was quite simple. Early drop off made it so that I was comfortable moving in my stuff, not only with the absence of people to prevent exposure to coronavirus, but also the fear of people looming around you as you haul everything in. The drop off only took about 20 minutes, stress free. I’m semi-excited to move next week to Alexander Hall.

The ‘semi’ stemming from the fact that I will have to continue to isolate myself from people and this will possibly inhibit my ability to meet new people naturally.”

Sue said that she has only been in her dorm once for early drop off. She said, “my dad is slightly more precautionous than the average being, so he felt safe when he saw that my entire floor was vacated to allow us to move in safely. There were people there where they were needed, so we got where we need to be pretty quick. My RA was putting up a “wear your mask” poster and there were several around the hall, so it gave a sense that staff will actually enforce safety measures. I thought it was innovative that they used QR codes to make videos easily accessible to show how to use locks and room numbers. That is opposed to having a personal guide. It’s incredibly efficient and a process that I think could be used even after ‘the era of quarantine.’

UNH promised to introduce more rigorous cleaning of UNH dorms and apartments before students moved in in the wake of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic but there were recent reports of a UNH Gables apartment’s cleanliness not being up to this standard.

On an unofficial UNH class Facebook page, a student posted about her roommate’s move-in into a Gables apartment, stating she found the apartment to be unclean. The student, who asked to remain anonymous, said, “this is just a warning for some of you Gables residents. One of my roommates moved in today and found mold, pubic hair, and a giant American flag painted on one of the walls, which means UNH didn’t clean the Gables over break like they said they would.” Later, after the student reported the issues to housing, they sent a cleaning crew in to do a deep clean. That cleaning crew also found that one of the sinks in the apartment was clogged. UNH Hous-

ing did not respond to a request for comment

Incoming first-year student Josh McInerney moved in last Saturday to Alexander Hall. McInerney said, “leading up to the move in, at least for me I found it a bit stressful reading through the updates and rules the university put in place. But when my family and I began the move in, the process was smooth and seemed very thought out. The dorm itself I found was clean. I wiped everything down with wipes and they seemed clean. I liked how it really was a low density move in, of course with COVID-19 it does stink we can’t have a “normal” move in, but with the health crisis it was nice to know things were being done safely. So overall it was a good experience.”

McInerney also added that his hall director Zoomed with everyone in the dorm before move in to go over rules in place and what to expect in the dorm. She went over the

bathrooms and lounge, laundry and floor meetings. He also said that there were only about five people moving in during his time slot. “It just happened to be the day before my drop off day so they went over some of those things then and my residence hall director was working at the tents that day too so she wasn’t in the dorm because of that,” McInerney said.

“Aside from the Zoom meeting, we received an email going over certain activities that the res hall will do, including mainly outdoor stuff and smores, and regarding the bathroom I did see signs up for how many people but I don’t think it was written down yet just put up,” McInerney said.

As many students are eager to be back on campus, university leaders remind students that it is important to follow COVID-19 protocols to ensure a safe and healthy semester.



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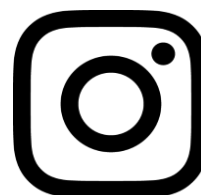
First-year UNH students safely move into dorms in allotted time slots wearing masks



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The red bird statue outside UNH's Health & Wellness building is seen wearing a mask

By Anna Kate Munsey
MANAGING EDITOR

The University of New Hampshire's (UNH) latest announcement regarding plans for the fall semester is a comprehensive program for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing.

On July 23, UNH Chief of Police Paul Dean and Senior Vice Provost for Research, Economic Engagement and Outreach Marian McCord announced the plans in an email to students, faculty, and staff. Together, Dean and McCord co-chair the UNH Testing and Tracing Committee, which formed in preparation for the fall semester.

"The UNH testing and tracing program is a collaborative public/private effort between our amazing faculty and staff in partnership with the State of NH and commercial medical providers. This collaborative approach allows UNH to achieve the best possible outcome for a successful test-

ing program," said Dean in an email with The New Hampshire.

UNH students, faculty, and staff will be tested before returning to campus, upon arrival during the week of Aug. 24, and then regularly throughout the semester. "We are building one of the most comprehensive testing programs of any university in the nation — we believe this will help us improve the health and safety for everyone."

"As top tier research institution, UNH has relationships with national suppliers. These relationships allow UNH to maximize efforts to acquire the needed resources and standup a state of the art testing lab," wrote Dean.

The first step of the program is the "pre-semester testing" that students who plan to be on campus will complete prior to arrival. UNH, in partnership with ConvenientMD and Quest, is providing this COVID-19 testing for free to students. There will be multiple options for location and modality to accommodate students of different areas and needs.

Testing will be available as a drive-through on each campus, at selected locations around New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts, and there will also be other options for students living outside these areas including mail-in testing kits or testing at one of Quest's test centers or partner labs across the country.

Students must be tested for COVID-19 no earlier than eight days before arriving on campus. In an effort to address concerns of the extended waiting time for test results that has been reported throughout the country, UNH has "received a commitment from ConvenientMD and Quest that test results will be available for

UNH students within 3-5 days after they receive the sample." The results will then be sent directly to the student and university. Students who test positive are required to remain at home until they are cleared to return to campus. All diagnostic test results, both from the university's lab and any external partners, will be managed confidentially, in accordance with the Health

Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Both positive and negative COVID-19 tests will be reported to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS), who will then perform contact tracing.

Additionally, UNH is working to develop a "state-of-the-art testing lab and COVID-19 screening program that will serve all students, faculty and staff in Durham, Manchester and Concord." This lab will be in operation in time for the arrival of students to campus. Testing at this lab for students, faculty, and staff will begin Aug. 24.

The lab will use a "real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction" (RT-PCR) test similar to that used by the DHHS. This will require regular screening of the entire university community "with students as often as twice per week in the first few weeks." People will be required to swab their noses, using a nasal swab, and then drop off these samples in secure locations at designated times.

In terms of contact tracing,

UNH will work in conjunction with the NH DHHS. Details of this plan can be found here. The email states that UNH students should have a plan for potential quarantine or isolation before arrival to campus. Such spaces are available on Durham's campus, should students need.

Students who may be infected with COVID-19 will be contacted by UNH Health & Wellness, and called in for an evaluation. Students who have COVID-19 symptoms should also contact Health & Wellness immediately. Close contacts, defined as roommates and other individuals who have been within 6 ft. for a period of 10 min. or longer" will be identified by trained personnel and will be expected to quarantine for 14 days following exposure to the positive case.

More information on pre-arrival testing will be sent out soon. "Student behavior and compliance is absolutely essential for a successful in person campus experience. Students who don't comply face losing their privilege to be on campus for the semester," said Dean.



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Ways to eat when in Durham

By Ciarra Annis
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Hunger is a powerful factor, probably one of our most basic instincts. I know when I forget to eat, my concentration starts to break and I snap at anyone who comes near me. In the immortal words of Snickers, “You’re not you when you’re hungry.” So, how do you fend off hunger when in a new environment?

Dining Halls

The obvious solution to any student’s hunger is stopping by a dining hall and with three halls to choose from, there’s plenty of options for a tasty meal. Even though the dining service is looking very different from years past, they’re still offering the favorites that returning students have grown to love. The debate is still ongoing as to which one is the absolute best dining hall. Alternating the spot you go to can help freshen up your palate if you’ve grown tired of the same menu from any one location. Besides, if you live on campus, you probably paid for a meal plan, so might as well use it as much as you can, right?

The alternative to dining halls is the various cafes around campus. Though a few



are closed for the semester and have been merged into the Cafe Central in the Whittemore Center, both the Wildcatesen and Philbrook Cafe are open for take-out orders if you order through Grubhub. This is especially good if you are hungry after the dining halls have closed. During late night study sessions, it is important to be able to grab something warm to eat when you can’t make that final push.

Take-out/Curbside Pickup

Durham is home to a variety of restaurants and eateries. Though we lost a few favorites over the summer such as Young’s, other restaurants have moved in as well, such as Ciao Italia, which promises authentic Italian food. The Works is great for all day breakfast and has great mac and cheese dishes as well. Mei Wei is there for

all your Chinese, Japanese and Thai food needs. Hop & Grind is another campus favorite as well. There’s quite a few other hidden gems around town.

But what options are there for the tired or lazy? Well, the great news is there are still plenty of options for food without leaving your dorm or begging a friend to grab you something on their way home.

Delivery

The fundamental aspect of food delivery nowadays is the phone app. Takeout Guys is a delivery service made specifically for the New Hampshire and southern Maine seacoast. Durham deliveries are open between 11 am and 10 pm. Then you have the most well-known apps; DoorDash, Grubhub and Uber Eats, which don’t have set hours of operation. It is recommended to check out all

of the apps at least once, as not all restaurants are listed on all of them. These apps have the added bonus of being able to order from a select few restaurants in Dover. For the delivery address, I have only ever used my dorm’s name. If there is a problem with accessing your building, the drivers will usually contact you if you have provided your phone number.

A select few restaurants have their own delivery cars, but most of the time you will be ordering off of the apps above. I personally ordered Dominos so many times last year that the staff were able to recognize me based entirely off of my order. I just really like their chicken.

Make a meal in your dorm!

Even while community kitchens are closed on campus, you can still make something

tasty within the safety of your dorm. I started trying mug recipes last semester and it has been one of the greatest decisions I’ve made regarding my eating habits. Most of the mug recipes I’ve been able to find online have been desserts, so cakes and brownies, but there are still plenty of actual dishes as well. The one I’ve made the most is easily a pizza in a mug. You can find mug recipes on many websites, including Food Network’s recipe section, but my personal favorite place to get them is Bigger Bolder Baking, as there are recipes for specific diets, such as keto.

Even better, once you learn how to make one dish, you can keep experimenting with it. So, if it wasn’t to your tastes the first time around, adjusting the amounts of ingredients can completely rework a dish. There are still problems with mug recipes, such as getting the timing exact to your microwave (no one wants a soupy cake, after all) or worrying about the smell bothering your roommate who simply did not consent to the smell of heated onions permeating the room but on the whole, the benefits of having a freshly made mug of food outweigh the cons.

Folklore: Swift’s new style

By Anna Kate Munsey
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While we were baking banana bread, learning tik tok dances (cringe), and tie-dying sweatshirts in quarantine, Taylor Swift was writing the best album of her entire career. The best part? No one had any idea.

And let me just say Taylor is BACK. Like so many swifties, I really fell off the bandwagon after the release of “1989.” I totally respect her need to branch out and experiment, but “reputation” and “Lover” really did not do it for me.

If you have been living under a rock (honestly wouldn’t blame you, especially these days) and somehow missed all of the memes, tweets, and news about Taylor, you may not know that in July she released her eighth studio album, “folk-

lore.”

I’d say “folklore” is most comparable to “Red,” but it definitely has its own sound - a mix of indie, folk, and pop. Many of the songs generated a lot of buzz on social media, especially “betty” and “the last great american dynasty.”

The album starts off with “the 1,” which is a classic Taylor break-up jam, with a more mature message than a cult favorite such as “You Belong With Me.” The rest of the album is a real mix of emotions for me - from sad to fun to even a little spooky.

Just last week, on the deluxe version of “folklore,” a brand-new song called “the lakes” was added. This is definitely bold, but I think it’s the best song on the whole album. But, I’d say definitely give each song on “folklore” a listen - you won’t regret it.



Five book recommendations for incoming first-

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When you're starting college, the last thing on your mind might be what additional reading you'll want to do. But as a college student, you may find yourself with more free time than you would expect. You suddenly don't have classes for eight hours straight anymore, and sometimes you'll want to wind down for the evening with a nice book. Here are some recommendations that'll both help you ease into college life and explore new books!

"Fangirl" by Rainbow Rowell

Don't let the title fool you, Rainbow Rowell's novel

"Fangirl" is about so much more than fangirls and fandom. Following Cath's first year of college and her struggles to adapt to life on her own, "Fangirl" explores themes most freshmen can relate to - dealing with change, finding friends and romance, and learning to let yourself grow as you begin this new chapter of your life.

"Educated" by Tara Westover

(Content Warning: This novel heavily contains descriptions of physical and emotional abuse)

By now after twelve years of school, you have been told over and over again how important education is. However, Tara Westover's memoir "Educated" drives home the importance of knowledge

as she tells the story of her survivalist upbringing and how gaining an education changed her life in more ways than she could imagine. This page-turning memoir will be sure to rile your emotions up and look at education in a new light.

Graphic Novels

Graphic novels are becoming more and more popular and respected - for a good reason! Through visual storytelling, graphic novel authors can use prose and imagery - both blatant and subtle - to tell their stories in remarkable and intriguing ways. The Dimond Library on campus has a great selection of graphic novels to choose from. So expand your horizons today and experiment with a graphic novel!

Recommended Graphic

Novels:

"Maus" by Art Spiegelman
"Fun Home" and "Are You My Mother?" by Alison Bechdel

"Through the Woods" by Emily Carrol

"The Princess Bride" by William Goldman

Did you know the classic movie "The Princess Bride" was first a book? Well, now you know!

As a college student you're bound to find the movie playing somewhere on campus, so now's a good time to relive that nostalgia and read the source.

Full of the same humor, action, and adventure as the film version, and much more, "The Princess Bride" by William Goldman is a great fantasy novel to escape into!

Revisit a Classic

It can be hard to enjoy reading 'the classics' in high school. And even if you do like the content, often you're expected to speed through dozens of pages whether you fully understand the content or not. So now that you're out of high school and find yourself with some more reading time, consider revisiting a classic novel. Not only can you now read them at your own pace, but you'll be able to read them with a new perspective as an adult.

Visit the Dimond Library or Durham Public Library today and find yourself a book to jump into!

The Walls Around Us: A Haunting Journey of a

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First impressions are crucial. This is a fact of life and a fact for books. With a single book wading through a sea of millions, the opening line of a novel can make or break a reader's interest. As I began to read "The Walls Around Us" by Nova Ren Suma, I found myself hooked:

"We went wild that hot night. We howled, we raged, we creamed. We were girls--some of us fourteen and fifteen; some sixteen, seventeen-- but when the locks came undone, the doors of our cells gaping open and no one to shove us back in, we made the noise of savage animals, of men."

The raw emotional power behind these opening lines, describing just utter liberating chaos made me excited to read more. As a fan of young adult novels, I don't subscribe to the belief that young adult equals lesser quality when it comes to writing, yet I will say that this novel surprised me with how beautiful the prose was. For the most part, the writing in this novel never failed to disappoint. But by the end of the book, I was unsure of how I felt about "The Walls Around Us" as a whole.

First, a quick rundown of the book: "The Walls Around Us" is the story of two, or rather three girls: Amber and Violet, who take turns narrating the novel, and Orianna, the girl that connects the two of them. Through their shifting perspectives, the reader drifts back and forth between two worlds: Violet's clean and suburban world of ballet that holds a promising future and a dark secret; and Amber's world at Aurora Hills Secure Juvenile Detention Center, where through the gloom and hopelessness lies some-

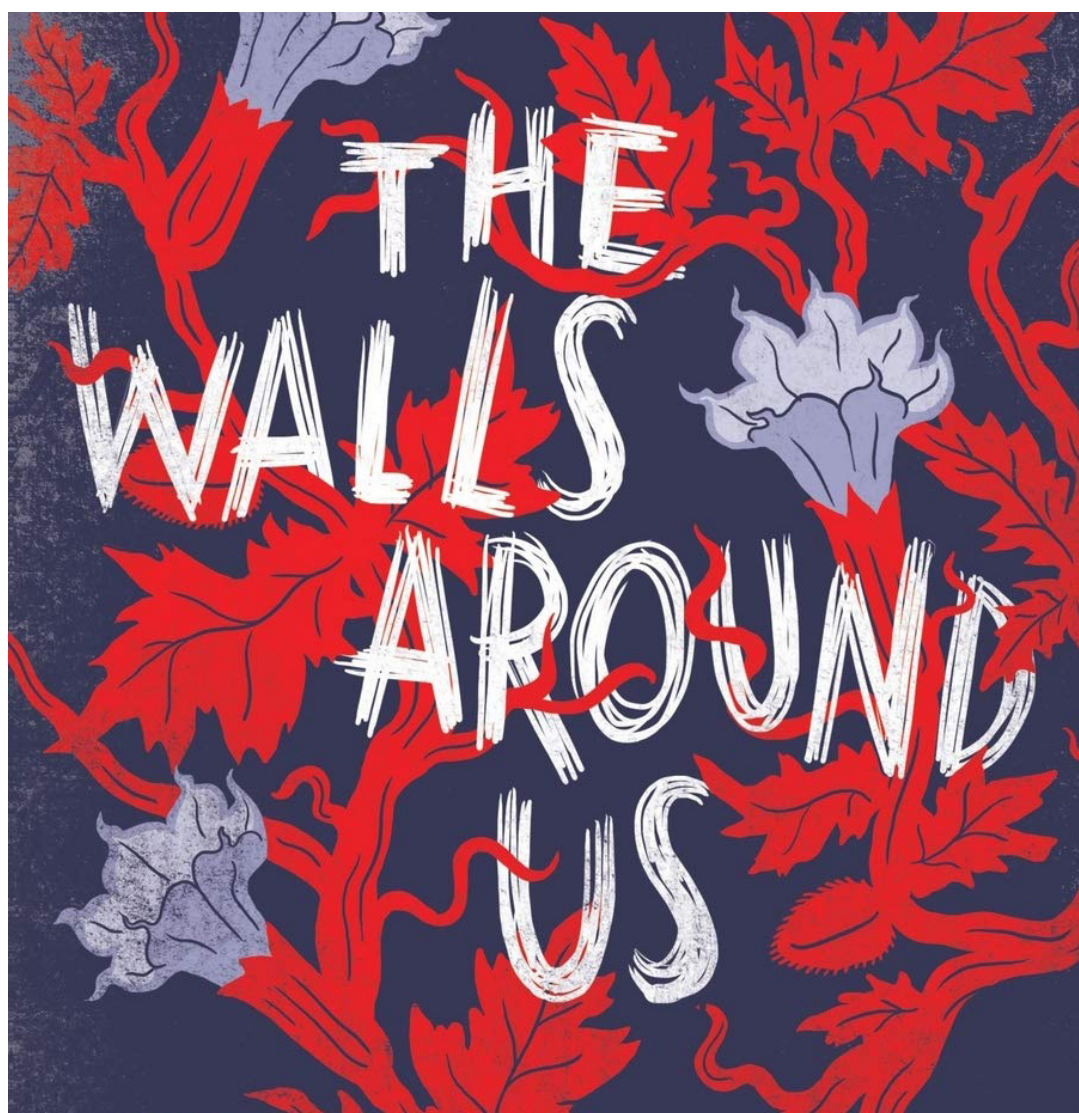


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thing strange. This strangeness bleeds into Violet's pristine life, drawing her toward the detention center, Amber, and what happened to her former best friend Orianna.

The overall premise of the novel is what drew me in-- as someone looking for some more supernatural fiction to read, I thought something like this sounded really unique. Yet it was the delivery of it as a whole that left me conflicted. I wouldn't say I hated the book--far from it. I had spent several nights staying up late, excited to see how things ended. Like I mentioned each line felt pur-

poseful and strong both in vivid imagery and emotional impact. But after I put the book down I found myself unsatisfied with how the plot progressed and characters developed.

For instance, while initially wowed by the writing, the story itself felt slow for the first 50 pages, specifically during Amber's narration segments. As a character, Amber tends to be passive and observational, which helps in establishing the detention center very well, but at the cost of progressing the story the way Violet's segments usually advance the plot. While this does partially serve the

narrative as a whole well, it is not the most engaging to read through, even wrapped in well-crafted descriptions.

As for the characters, many were somewhat one-note even with their pasts explored, with the girls at the detention center being the most guilty of this. The narration tells us that these girls at the detention center are complex, but their depth is never really shown in their interactions. Without going into details for the sake of spoilers, the three protagonists also suffer from this to a lesser but still noticeable degree. There are times where it feels like there's

a lot more to these girls hiding around the next page, only for the characters to stay more or less the same.

So I thought about it for a good while after I finished "The Walls Around Us," thought about why I felt let down but also enjoyed it. And the answer I found was a bit cliché but summed up all of my thoughts on the story: "The Walls Around Us" is about the journey, not the destination.

The destination itself of "The Walls Around Us" falls short. It can fluctuate from having surprisingly predictable to undesired plot-twists, some characters are overly unredeemable whereas others are glaringly perfect, and there are times where the novel overcompensates for its prior lack of action by going full-speed and breaking the hauntingly somber tone of the story.

However, like a good journey, "The Walls Around Us" itself is beautiful. The atmosphere Suma builds throughout the novel is rich-- a graceful blend of mysterious, dark, and unsettling all throughout the novel. There is always this lingering feeling that something isn't right. It's this sensation that ends up pulling you into the novel, even if you've already begun to figure out the mysteries of the story. Coupled with superb poetic writing, it is easy to become entranced with the novel once it hits its stride.

With that, if you are destination-reader, looking for an eventful story with high stakes and action with a cast of characters that are shaped by their struggles for better or for worse, this story may not be for you. However, if you are a reader content with taking a slow but haunting literary journey where you can savor the raw and visceral emotion of each paragraph, sentence, and word, then I would recommend "The Walls Around Us."

She-Ra pops in its final season



Photo courtesy of Netflix

By Ciarra Annis
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This is the age of the reboots in television and film. The success of the past is trying to become the success of the future. In many cases, the reboots are a flop, they either were unwanted by fans to begin with so don't draw them to the theaters or are panned critically because of the changes they made. This is why many were suspicious of the series of reboots that came with Netflix's collaborations with Dreamworks for animated shows, especially "She-Ra and the Princesses of Power." She-Ra was initially met with criticism because of its designs of the main character, making her less of a supermodel action figure and more like a normal teenager.

In fact, all of the designs of the characters are what drew me to the show in the first place. It allows all of the characters to look different from each other, right down to their very outline, with varying body shapes and skin tones. Diversity and representation was built into this series from the

start, which was so refreshing compared to what the original designs of the princesses were. That's not to say the original show was bad, but it was certainly a show designed to sell toys. It existed in that static-land of early morning cartoons, where the characters don't follow character arcs, they grow and change according to the plot, not any internal rhythm. Dreamwork's She-Ra breaks from this beautifully with a fully plotted five seasons, to the point that it seems like less a reboot of the original series and more an entirely separate entity that shares character and locations names.

While the character designs were what first made me curious about the show, the story and characters are what made me into a rabid fan. The series revolves around Adora and her struggles to save her home of Etheria from the wicked Horde army - an army she herself was raised in. She joins the rebellion and grapples with her identity and new-found powers, as well as trying to get her childhood best-friend, Catra, to join her side. In fact, the relationship between Adora and Catra is easily the main

emotional conflict of the show. I wouldn't say it overshadows the relationships between the other characters, as our connections to each other and how they affect us is a major theme along with overcoming abuse, but it certainly has a deeper emotional weight than some of the other friendships simply because of how well they know each other. Other standout relationships include Queen Angella to her child, Glimmer, which was the most realistic mother-daughter relationship I've seen in animation, and Shadow Weaver to both Catra and Adora. Though the two weren't raised as siblings, they both sought Shadow Weaver's approval as the closest thing to a mother either one had.

I watched the first season multiple times, trying to get my friends as invested into the show as I was. I'll be the first to admit the first season is a little slow, with it mostly being an introduction to the major players of Etheria but it lays the groundwork for some of the most emotionally gripping scenes in the series. It's very much a magic of friendship show, but it was handled maturely. You watch the relation-

ships develop or unravel and you hope by the end everything will be okay because, for some characters, a light isn't evident until the very end.

As I was waiting for the final season, I spent the days before simultaneously hyping myself up and tempering my expectations about how the final season would run. The way that "Voltron" (another Dreamworks-Netflix show) ended was fresh within my mind and frankly, as much as I trusted the showrunner, I did not want to get burned with an unsatisfying ending because of studio meddling.

My worry was for naught. The ending of "She-Ra and the Princesses of Power" became my favorite ending of any animated show. I think I watched the final scene at least ten times on repeat because I couldn't believe that they managed to find probably the most affirming ending possible. All the theories and clues and subtext that would be disregarded in other shows (and had been disregarded in "Voltron") finally bore fruit. The fans who had paid attention and held on hope, even while looking at each other anxiously through

the screen, were rewarded with an emotionally satisfying ending.

I couldn't have asked for a better ending. Still, I wish we'd gotten to explore a little more of Etheria once the main plot had concluded, just in the form of a small epilogue or perhaps the rumored movie. I watched these characters grow and love and change for two years, eagerly awaiting the next chapter in their tale. It feels odd to know I won't have another season to look forward to.

Now that the story is complete, I feel comfortable recommending it to everyone. It was historic in its development of relationships and while I'd hesitate in calling it the best animated show of the decade, no others immediately come to mind that match the clear amount of love and attention that went into developing the cast of characters. Even though it is a show that is marketed towards children, I think even college students can glean something from seeing this show, even if it is just momentary stress relief in between our busy days.

Opinion: UNH Students – The University and Durham want you back. You want to be back. Do your part to keep us all safe.



COURTESY OF TODD SELIG

Durham's Town Administrator Todd Selig wears his cloth face mask.

By Todd Selig CONTRIBUTOR

As the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and the Town of Durham prepare to welcome back the UNH student body to campus and the community this month, the rate of coronavirus (COVID-19) infections around the nation continues to increase. This latest spike in the spread of COVID-19 is marked by one particular difference: young adults are getting infected at much higher rates than they were during the spring. Why is this the case? According to The Hill on July 18, "Younger Americans eager to get back to their social lives are increasingly responsible for the spread of the coronavirus, risking their own health and that of their family and friends under what health experts say is the misguided impression that the virus cannot cause them harm."

NPR's Nurith Aizenman reported on July 24 that for weeks, the U.S. COVID-19 pandemic has largely been driven by spiraling outbreaks in the South and West, but some forecasters indicate Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states could soon be in deep trouble again, too. The warning comes from researchers at the PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, which has built a model to provide longer-term forecasts for every U.S. county. Here are two takeaways:

The virus is marching up the East Coast. In recent weeks there's been a noticeable trend of rising cases moving northward from Florida up travel

corridors like I-95.

New England is at risk. Transmission rates in New Haven are clearly increasing. The state of Rhode Island has increasing transmission. In the Boston area, we're seeing the same patterns we saw a couple of weeks ago in Philadelphia. We now have an outbreak on Cape Cod. And we're seeing more of the virus in New Hampshire.

It's all too clear that COVID-19 continues to steadily move through the population, filling hospitals to capacity and resulting in a state-by-state rush to stem the tide. Around the U.S. and in our case, here in Durham, we need everyone, and particularly UNH students, to modify their behavior to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

As more people recover from COVID-19, many will find their ordeal may not end when the infection is over. It can result in prolonged illness, even among young adults without underlying chronic medical conditions. Examples of prolonged complications include: fatigue, headache, insomnia, chest pain, cough, joint pain, vertigo, skin rash, brain fog, shortness of breath, heart arrhythmia, hypertension, and more. Lois Parshley from Vox reported on June 12, "It is a true roller coaster of symptoms and severities, with each new day offering many unknowns."

Sadly, locally we have witnessed highly concerning behavior among young adults in Durham throughout the summer and the majority of these young adults are UNH students. Whether it is in backyards at off-campus rental units or in large student

gatherings downtown, students have largely not been physical distancing, have not been wearing masks, and have gathered in large groups.

Residents who live next to off-campus student rentals and who shop downtown, at Hanaford, at Rite-Aid, at D-HOP, etc. have grown increasingly concerned as young adults have disregarded public health advice and ignored the recommendations emphasized by both the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) along with state, local, and Durham officials. Pong tables have been observed at multiple locations. Large gatherings have occurred all too regularly, and physical distancing has not.

In other college communities across the nation, the behavior of students in residence for the summer has resulted

in super spreader fraternity parties, which have worried Durham leaders and residents. Recent coronavirus outbreaks have been linked to fraternities at universities in Washington, California, and Mississippi, and some experts predict it may be an example of what's to come as many colleges reopen for in-person classes beginning in August. A potential result of this irresponsible behavior nationwide is that colleges and universities may well have to abandon their plans to bring students back to campus for the fall term.

UNH and Durham leaders have been working tirelessly together since the spring to devise a responsible plan to reopen campus this fall for the approximately 15,000 students enrolled. UNH wants you back. Durham wants you back. You want to be back. But everyone involved must

conduct themselves in a manner that will give our collective community the best likelihood of avoiding a local COVID-19 outbreak, which could bring in-person learning to an abrupt end. So, we invite you with an open hand to join our team. It's vital that UNH students physically distance, wear a mask, and refrain from participating in large gatherings. To this end, mask wearing is now required in the town of Durham by local town ordinance, just as it will be required on campus by UNH.

Don't squander all that we have planned and achieved to make in-person education possible for UNH this fall. Our collective health as a community depends on it.

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Bruins draw Lightning after defeating 'Canes in five games

By Shaun Petipas
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After a long, COVID-19 induced layoff, the Boston Bruins returned to action in a big way by defeating the Carolina Hurricanes in five games in the first round of the National Hockey League (NHL) playoffs. The Eastern Conference Finals rematch from 2019 was highly anticipated as the 'Canes had proved that they were not the same team that was swept by the Bruins last year.

The Bruins, along with 23 other remaining NHL teams, have been forced to play in a "bubble" located in Toronto, Edmonton and Alberta, Canada. This is to minimize the chances of COVID-19 related issues.

With young forwards Sebastian Aho and Andrei Svechnikov, the 'Canes were one of the most exciting young teams entering the bubble anchored by their veteran forwards, Jordan Staal and Justin Williams. The Hurricanes were tough in the NHL restart, but are now left with some questions; one being, will "Mr. Game 7" Justin Williams retire?

Meanwhile, the Bruins advanced to the second round and drew the Tampa Bay Lightning. This has been a match-up that Bruins and Lightning fans have been wishing for since their last regular season matchup in March. Arguably two of the best teams in the NHL faced off last Sunday in game one, which was a tightly contested match-up.

In a 3-2 victory, the Bruins' so called "Perfection Line" of Patrice Bergeron, Brad Marchand and David Pastrnak

showed up in a big way in game one by combining for five points and a beautiful game-winning goal to help the Bruins secure the 1-0 lead in the series.

The Perfection Line was a dominant force as they controlled the pace, totaling 11 shots on net and 22 shots altogether. The Tampa Bay defense didn't put up much resistance and there were many golden opportunities for the Bruins and David Pastrnak, who hit two posts in this contest.

Bruins forward Brad Marchand brought his best effort in game one, as he was involved in every goal for his team. His puck possession and ability to corral loose pucks allowed for fresh bodies to get on the ice and resulted in Charlie Coyle's goal. His puck retrieval and natural pest mentality earned the next two

goals for Boston as Marchand was involved on the forecheck to help knock the puck loose and create an opportunity for himself to score.

The Bruins have also seen a resurgence from second line center David Krejci who has been one of the most important players for the Bruins during their playoff run. This shouldn't come as a shock to Boston fans as "Playoff Krech" has shown in the past that he is a man on a mission in the playoffs. In 2011 and 2013 he was the Bruins leading point scorer alongside Milan Lucic and Nathan Horton and has now seen a boost from playing with line mates Ondrej Kase and Jake DeBrusk.

On the defensive end, the Bruins have relied on goaltender Jaroslav Halak since Vezina trophy finalist Tuukka Rask left the bubble for family matters.

Halak and Rask combined to win the Jennings trophy, so the Bruins have performed well with either goaltender in between the pipes. Halak has now won four playoff games in a row, posting a .936 save percentage and a 1.75 goals against average in those games. He was the Bruins best player in the second period of game 1 as the Bruins were under heavy pressure but Halak stood strong and didn't allow any past him in the period.



Celtics draw Raptors after sweeping 76ers

By Brennan McGuirk
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At the Walt Disney World "bubble" the Boston Celtics have found their magic, as they completed a four-game series sweep of the Philadelphia 76ers.

After a four-month hiatus it begs the question, where did they find the magic to be able to reach this elite level? After getting a lot of grief in the off-season, general manager Danny Ainge's moves, or lack thereof, are finally starting to pay off.

This offseason, the Celtics made some unforeseen changes as they failed to re-sign their All-Stars in Kyrie Irving and Al Horford. Nevertheless, Ainge made the move to acquire an All-NBA guard in Kemba Walker and believe in his young core led by young forwards Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown.

Once the Celtics started to come into their own in the bubble, a major setback occurred. One of the team's key contributors, Gordon Hayward, suffered a grade three right ankle sprain towards the end of game one. As the Celtics leader accounted for 33.5 minutes a game, head coach Brad Stevens must adjust quickly. "Right from the minute I saw him walk off I started

thinking about the whole series without him," Stevens said. "And I just think that's the way you have to approach it."

Stevens approached his new depleted roster by increasing Walker's role. Walker had been healing from a knee injury that sidelined him from January until the beginning of the bubble. Many Celtics fans and personnel were unsure of Walker's ability to bounce back from his injury, as he put on a minutes restriction from the start of the bubble until game one of the playoffs. Although there was speculation that Walker would be a shell of his all-star self this postseason, he silenced those rumors.

In his first legitimate opportunity to contend for a title, Walker came out determined to prove the doubters wrong. He provided Boston with 24.3 points per game, leading the team in assists per game, all while playing some of the best defense of his career.

"This is the reason I came to Boston, to be able to play in the playoffs and advance, play high-level basketball, so it feels good," Walker said.

His statistics will get the attention of any NBA fan, but it's what Walker does that doesn't show up on the stat sheet that makes the biggest difference



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KIM KLEMENT

Forward Jason Tatum and the Boston Celtics dominate and sweep the Philadelphia 76ers

for the Celtics.

After game two of this series, Tatum praised the leadership that Walker brings to the team.

"It's huge, he just wants to win," said Tatum. "He doesn't care if he plays good or bad. He just wants to win. You can see that night in and night out. When we win, he's the happiest guy on the team."

Tatum and Brown have

been nationally acknowledged as one of the best young cores in the league, but Walker has arguably been one of the biggest influences. Although Irving's game is more skilled than Walker's, the UConn product has shown Boston how valuable he can be as a leader.

Walker will compete in his first ever second round playoff series Thursday, Aug. 27, as the Celtics will face off against

the reigning NBA champion Toronto Raptors. Similar to the Celtics, the Raptors are riding high after a sweep of the Brooklyn Nets.

While it's unclear whether the Raptors will be able to avenge their 22-point loss to the C's, but Celtics fans can bank on Kemba having a similar impact that was shown through the first four games of the playoffs.

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An unconventional fall without UNH athletics

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This fall semester is going to be far different than what UNH students, along with so many other schools, are accustomed to. Masks, social distancing, remote learning, and no fall sports. Wildcat Stadium and Boulder Field won't have the same buzz of a Saturday afternoon as they have so often in the past. There are plenty of things that Durham won't be able to experience with the postponement of the 2020 fall season, but three stand out above the rest.

The Return of Coach Mac

Head football coach Sean McDonnell missed all of last season due to medical concerns. His former quarterback and current quarterbacks coach Ricky Santos took over in his absence. Santos led the team to a 6-5 record with one of the best defenses in recent program history. The 6-5 record was good for third in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA).

"Coach Mac" was set to make his return to the sideline this fall before the season was postponed. He's been under the headset for 21 seasons which is the longest run in the CAA. He's collected 154 total wins, the most in the conference, and 14 playoff appearances which leads the entire FCS.

Talented Wildcat Offense

Wildcats football was led by the senior leadership of their defense in 2019. The unit

has lost five defense starters to graduation since last season, most notably cornerback Prince Smith Jr. who signed as an undrafted free agent to the Philadelphia Eagles, and has recently signed with the New York Giants.

In the absence of a veteran defensive presence, the team would've turned to sophomore quarterback Max Brosmer and the offense. Brosmer replaced fellow sophomore quarterback Bret Edwards in the second half of the team's opening game a season ago. The Georgia native is now surrounded by a talented group of skill position players.

The wide receiver core would have been led by junior Brian Espanet, who was selected to the Preseason All-CAA Third Team. Sophomore Charles Briscoe III showed promise in 2019 and likely would have been the number two option on the outside.

The combination of offensive line talent and skill in the backfield would've led to a very run-heavy attack. Brosmer has spoken highly of his offensive line. Junior Patrick Flynn made the All-CAA Second Team, and senior Matt Mascia made the Third Team.

The Wildcat running backs were one of scariest units in the conference in 2019. The team has since lost their power back, Evan Gray, to graduation. Junior Carlos Washington Jr. would have been the lead back with the potential to make anybody miss in an open field and produce big plays. Sophomore Dylan Laube is one of the most versatile players on the whole roster. He was featured out of



CAMERON BEALL/SPORTS EDITOR

UNH Football finished the season last year with a 6-5 record under coach Ricky Santos

the backfield, out wide as a receiver, as well as the kickoff return man.

Men's Soccer's Chance for Third Straight America East Title

Behind the leadership of All-American defender Josh Bauer, the UNH Men's Soccer team was on a run of three straight trips to the NCAA tournament and back-to-back America East Championships. The team ranked 18th in the nation and advanced as far as the second round where they

were defeated by Virginia Tech a season ago.

The team would've gone into 2020 without their star, however. Bauer recently signed a professional contract with Birmingham Legion FC of the United Soccer League Championship. The Bedford, New Hampshire native was a first team All-American a season ago, a semifinalist for the MAC Hermann Trophy – which is given to the most outstanding player in college soccer – and was a two-time America East

tournament MVP.

While football gets a lot of the attention in the fall, men's soccer at UNH has been one of the most successful teams on campus over the past three seasons. Not being able to watch the Wildcats defend their title might be the biggest hole in UNH athletics for the fall semester.



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UNH soccer was able to advance to the NCAA tournament but was defeated by Virginia

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