Record turnout in Durham for State Primaries

By Ben Domaingue / TNH Staff Writer

In a record turnout, voters both went to the polls and mailed their no-excuse absentee ballots for the count in the state’s primary election.

Durham, N.H., home to the University of New Hampshire (UNH), experienced a historic turnout of over 2,672 individual votes cast on the Sept. 8 primary. Democrats cast 2,233 ballots and Republicans cast 439 total ballots.

In contrast, on Sept. 11, 2018 primary, Durham residents cast 2,558 votes over the course of a day.

That number exceeds the voting averages between 2008 and 2016, with an average of only 1,157 ballots cast during the primaries.

Durham faced a mechanical error with one of its ballot boxes, which failed to separate ballots without write-ins from ballots with write-ins. This caused a reporting delay, approximately an hour. Even with the minor mechanical error, Durham Town Administrator Todd Selig was pleased with the record turnout.

“This year, we appear on target to once again break Durham’s state primary record,” Selig said in a press release. “With approximately 1,640 absentee ballots in hand and more than 800 in-person votes by early evening, 2020 will once again be a year for the record books.”

The Town of Durham released the preliminary results at midnight on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

In the Democratic Gubernatorial primary, Executive Councilor Andy Volinsky claimed a comfortable victory of 1,391 votes, with State Senate Majority Leader Dan Feltes receiving 716 votes in the town of Durham. Statewide, Dan Feltes was declared the winner and Volinsky has conceded.

Incumbent Republican Gov. Chris Sununu won 92% of the ballots cast for the Republican Gubernatorial primary. For the United States Senate race, incumbent Democrat Jeanne Shaheen swept the field with over 90% of the ballots cast in her favor.

In a tight race, Republican U.S. Senate candidate Corky Messner claimed a narrow victory to Don Bolduc. Messner to Bolduc’s 176 in the town of Durham. Messner is slated to challenge Shaheen in the Nov. 3 general election.


Democrats will move on to challenge Pappas in the November 3rd General Election, with Mowers receiving 53% of ballots cast.

Republican Stuart Levenson won the Republican ballot in Durham for the Executive Council. Statewide, the race remains contested, with Jim Beard leading.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) has worked in conjunction with UNH to identify 11 cases of COVID-19 and provided testing information for students and community members who attended the party.

UNH President James W. Dean Jr. released a statement condemning both the gathering and the students involved. “This is reckless behavior and the kind of behavior that undermines our planning and will lead us to switching to a fully remote mode,” said President Dean.

An investigation with the Interfraternity Council was opened and the university is pursuing conduct charges against the organization that behaves in a similar manner, while we conduct the investigation.”

Dean announced a moratorium of any gathering of any size from any of these groups. After the announcement from University Police Chief Paul Dean regarding the gathering, students expressed frustration over the fraternity’s actions. A video encouraging students to join the fraternity, captioned “Big things to come join Fall 2020,” was posted to the @theta.chi Instagram page on Sept. 4, with many students expressing their anger and discontent at the fraternity in the comment section.

Theta Chi has not responded for comment to The New Hampshire.

As of the university’s latest report on Sept. 2, the Durham campus has 44 active cases of COVID-19. The university will begin distributing a second round of self-swab kits to students on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Students must reserve a time between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. between Tuesday, Sept. 8 and Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Whittemore Center.

Students are urged to continue to maintain a six-foot physical distance from others and limit close contacts as much as possible.

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UNH loses Covid-19 self-tests

On the first day of the university’s student self-testing program, approximately 250 tests were lost.

Cafe Central opens in Whittemore Center

Cafe Central, a new dining location on campus, has replaced the MUB’s Union Court for this semester. It is located in the much larger Whittemore Center Arena, to ensure social distancing.

Wildcat Pass

UNH has implemented Wildcat Pass, a digital method to keep track of student COVID-19 testing compliance.

Future of the Bruins

Following their loss to the Tampa Bay Lightning and elimination from the Stanley Cup Playoffs, what’s next for the team?

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won the Democratic Durham State Senate race comfortably with two-thirds of ballots cast. The Republican challenger, Sue Polidura, ran uncontested. Durham and Madbury are represented by five state representatives, of which six ran for the nomination on the Democratic side. As of writing this article, Madbury had not reported their results. However, Marjorie Smith, Judith Spang, Janet G. Wall, Timothy Horrigan, and Cam Kenney received the plurality of votes from Democratic voters. They will move on to challenge Bonnie McDermot, Cliff Zetterstrom, Cheryl A. Lamoureux, Mark F. Racic, and James C. Ziegra for the New Hampshire House of Representatives seats. Democrat Mark Brave and Republican Paul Callaghan won their respective primary races for county sheriff in Durham. On both ballots, local positions such as County Attorney, Treasurer, Register of Probate and County Commissioners remained uncontested. With over 90% of ballots reported in New Hampshire, voters now looking to begin revving up their campaign for the Nov. 3 general election. As for Durham, the town is seeking volunteers for the upcoming general election. If you are interested in volunteering with the Town of Durham for the Nov. 3 election, contact Town Clerk Lorrie Pitt at (603) 868-5577.

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The University of New Hampshire (UNH) currently has 71 active cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) with 55 people in total isolation and 265 people in quarantine. This is an increase in the number of cases reported in the past seven days. Students in quarantine do not necessarily have to have a positive test, but have been exposed to COVID-19 by close contacts.

The test results were updated for the fall 2020 COVID-19 test results page on Wednesday Sept. 9. These results can be found on the UNH Coronavirus Website.

Of these active COVID-19 cases, 55 of the 71 active cases are students and 16 of the active cases are faculty or staff. There are 15 people isolating on campus and 35 people are quarantining on campus. Three people have ended isolation and three people have ended quarantine.

On Sept. 6, it was announced that some students in the UNH community were reportedly infected with the coronavirus at a Theta Chi fraternity party on Aug. 29, where more than 100 people in attendance were not wearing masks or social distancing. UNH Chief of Police Paul H. Dean sent an email out to UNH students stating, “in partnership with the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services, the University of New Hampshire has confirmed that there has been a cluster reporting (three or more cases in one location) of COVID-19 cases at Theta Chi fraternity. As the result of a party of more than 100 people not wearing masks Saturday, Aug. 29, there are 11 positive cases, including members of the UNH community, confirmed.” He also warned that anyone at the party should be testing themselves and quarantine immediately in case they have been exposed to COVID-19.

The recent report also states that 3,319 COVID-19 tests are the average daily total tests that UNH conducted between Sept. 2 and Sept. 6. And in the past seven days from Sept. 2 to Sept. 6 there were 22,338 results, 28 positive cases and a 0.13% positivity rate. The UNH Durham campus in the past seven days had 21,523 negative tests, meaning that 99.89% of the tests in Durham were negative and 24 positive tests which means that .11% of tests were positive.

The cumulative results from July 29, 2020 total that there have been 57,979 negative tests (99.84%) and there have been 93 positive tests (0.16%). These results include multiple tests from the same individuals, and incorporate all cumulative test results reported by ConvenientMD, Quest Diagnostics, and UNH Lab.

UNH provides daily COVID-19 results, reports 71 active cases
UNH student injured in Lodges shooting

By Anna Kate Munsey
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The Durham Police Department (Durham PD) responded to a report of a shooting at an off-campus housing development early Thursday evening. Durham police were called to the scene following a report of “a female resident who had been struck with an unknown projectile” at The Lodges at West Edge, according to a press release.

The projectile, later determined to be a bullet, had come through an adjacent wall when neighbor Brian Nguyen “accidentally discharged a handgun while he was in the process of dry firing it.”

The 22-year-old female victim and 24-year-old Nguyen are both University of New Hampshire (UNH) students.

The victim, whose identity is undisclosed, was treated and held for observation at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

Nguyen has been charged with one count of felony reckless conduct and was released on personal recognizance bail. His arraignment date has not been set.

The UNH Police Department, Durham Fire Department, and McGregor Memorial EMS assisted the Durham PD in this case.

The case remains under investigation, but no additional charges are anticipated, according to the Durham PD.

In an email to residents obtained by The New Hampshire, Abigail Donovan, Property Manager at The Lodges, discussed the event and said they shared residents’ concerns and were fully cooperating with the police.

“In light of this, we would like to remind everyone that possession of firearms is not allowed anywhere in our community. Violation of this policy by residents or their guests is in default of their housing contract and may lead to the termination of their lease among other actions,” Donovan wrote.

The disciplinary process has started, according to Peter Jakel of The Lodges’ media line.

Design Editor Shawn Lattippe contributed reporting to this article.

Brian Nguyen was arrested and charged with one count of felony reckless conduct. Courtesy of Durham Police Department

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“High School Musical (1, 2 and 3)”
-Josh

“Definitely the Twilight movies”
-Hannah

“Harry Potter”
-Anna Kate

“Korean dramas”
-Shawn

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“Watching the Red Sox lose”
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COVID-19 self tests misplaced at UNH lab

By Josh Morrill
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

On the first day of the University of New Hampshire’s (UNH) coronavirus (COVID-19) self-testing program, numerous student-completed tests were misplaced. The blunder comes just days after the arrival of thousands of UNH students to UNH’s Durham campus, and on the day that the university opened their new, fully operational COVID-19 testing lab located at Health and Wellness.

On the night of Monday, Aug. 31, the day of the lab’s inception, approximately 250 student tests were lost and went untested. In a statement from UNH spokesperson Erika Mantz, she explained that there was an issue with the transfer between the eight collection boxes on campus and the testing lab. “We learned earlier today that a transportation and collection error Monday night led some samples to go untested,” Mantz said. “More than 3,000 samples were collected and successfully processed yesterday...About 8% of the students who submitted tests were asked to re-submit a sample and more than half have already done so. We regret the inconvenience this caused for students but appreciate their quick response and cooperation.”

In the email, Sedam instructed the students that they were required to go to the Whittemore Center from 8 a.m. to noon or to UNH Innovation from noon to 9 p.m. to get retested. They were provided with new test kits and labels and were not forced to use their existing sets. One of the 250 students that had to get retested was UNH junior Keegan Demers. Demers is a part of the Paul College of Business and Economics, so his allotted drop-off time was Monday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Between those times, he says that his experience with the collection box wasn’t a positive one. “Me and my roommate went to drop our tests off at Stillings...when we got there the woman told us to put our tests in the shoe box,” Demers said. “The shoe box was on top of the actual drop off box for the tests, and it was already more than filled up with tests. When I went to put mine in the box, five others fell off and I had to put them back in.”

Despite the student frustration, all 250 students have now been retested and there have been no more reports of lost student tests since the incident.

“I asked (a man) at (UNH Innovation) about what happened to my test and he said, ‘Let’s just say it was a glitch in the matrix and just leave it at that,’ and that’s all he said,” Demers said.

UNH senior Jarod Emirzian, another student that had their self-test mislaid, had similar frustrations concerning the transparency of the university. “There was no real explanation for why they lost (the test) or if it would happen again,” Emirzian said.

Approximately 250 student tests were lost and went untested on Aug. 31. Students have been retested (self-tests) twice since the incident.
Students react to the new normal on campus

By Aqeel Hisham
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Durham, NH - The University of New Hampshire (UNH) opened their doors back up to students for the fall semester amidst the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak that started earlier this year. There are many additional rules and regulations such as no large group gatherings, required face masks in class, and bi-weekly testing, and some students are struggling to adapt to this system that is considered the new normal.

Danielle Sinko, a finance major, is trying to make the most of her senior year at UNH. Sinko said that she felt safe coming back at UNH at first, but with the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak that has led to decreasing the number of positive cases in the state, she is positive that students will not be sent back anytime soon. Even after a COVID-19-related incident affiliated with Theta Chi Fraternity, Sinko believes that is a lesson learned for all students that UNH is taking the current situation seriously. “I feel that fraternities and sororities should definitely be more careful,” she added.

When asked about what she looks forward to this semester, she said, “I have good roommates and we get along very well. We don’t have to go to the bars or parties to have fun, we can have fun in small groups.” However, Sinko is trying to be optimistic for her last semester in spring before she graduates.

Brandy Mauro, a junior neuroscience and behavior major, said, “Most of my classes are online and the only physical classes that I have are labs.” She further explained that it was really hard to focus in class due to the new rules, which have led to less-interactive labs. “Instead of actually doing these labs we are now only reading about it in class,” she added.

Mauro was excited to be back at UNH at first, but with the new rules such as the need to wear a face mask to go to the bathroom in dorms, she felt that it was strange to be back in an “alternate dimension.”

Mauro, who is withdrawing from UNH this semester, said, “I honestly feel that we should have not come back, it is a waste of time.” She expects that the school will switch to online learning only in two weeks. “That is why I am withdrawing this semester; my classes are really strange, the number of positive cases is increasing every week, and soon if there is a case in one dorm, the whole dorm would have to quarantine,” she added.

Despite plans to withdraw this semester, Mauro believes that UNH is doing the best they could with the situation. “I know the university is testing about 15,000 students but they need to give the test results back quicker,” replied Mauro on the one thing she would change regarding UNH’s testing policy. She added, “For example, we have only known about the Theta Chi incident one week after, imagine the people that they have been in contact with.”

For Madelyn Bronder, her sophomore year at UNH feels very confusing. “Some of my classes are through Zoom and some are online; one is even a hybrid, which I am definitely not used to,” said the Andover native.

Additionally, Bronder is also not happy with the pricing of the meal plans. “With the current situation at the dining halls, I think we are overpaying,” she explained.

However, Bronder is glad to not have to be away from home and be with friends, even with some restrictions. “I get bored easily at home and it is nice to see familiar faces,” she commented. In terms of expectations for the coming weeks, Bronder expects more communication from UNH administration regarding the increase in positive cases.

Despite the fact that most returning students feel unsure about being back on campus, first-years Sean O’Neill and Henry Gorhan have not had the chance to experience college events such as U-Day, homecoming and Halloween, they are both happy to just be making new friends. “It is not an ideal way of starting my college experience by missing out on important events, but if we follow the rules, we will get through this and everything will be back to normal,” commented Gorhan.

Both students felt confident that the school will be open until Thanksgiving break. “The number of cases will definitely go up, but not to the extreme,” said O’Neill.
The University of New Hampshire (UNH) reported its first bias incident of the fall semester in Congreve Hall on Saturday, Aug. 29.

A bias incident is defined as a threat or act of harassment or intimidation directed against an individual or group based on their actual or perceived identity.

This bias incident consisted of damage to a bulletin board on the second floor of Congreve. The board originally displayed self-care tips with a rainy-day theme. The letters were rearranged to display an insensitive anti-LGBTQ+ message.

The news of the bias incident in Congreve was spread to the wider community by an email that included a definition of bias in incidents, an explanation of their impact on the community and an attachment to campus support offices.

According to Bosquet-Fleurival, this applies to the immediate handling of bias incidents as well. "RAs are supposed to collect as much evidence as possible... and then they’re expected to immediately take it down because we do not want a bias incident to stay up and to be negatively impacting more people coming by." In this instance, Bosquet-Fleurival said, the bias incident was noticed during the RA’s second round, at which point Miller was notified and the reporting process began.

"And then, of course, everything is sent to Affirmative Action," Bosquet-Fleurival said, adding that reports of bias incidents are also given to the Community Standards office and the police.

Besides education and investigations, Bosquet-Fleurival said that if bias incidents seem to be clustered in one building or another, she will go to a floor or building-wide meeting to speak directly to students. "In order for me to go to a floor meeting, I have to see three or more in the building," she said.

The Congreve bias incident is no longer the only incident this semester, with another occurring at Christensen Hall on Sept. 3. "Our goal is to... hold people accountable when we can and we know who they are, but also to educate the community on what’s happened and how to move forward," Bosquet-Fleurival said.

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In Miller’s email, she said that she was “disheartened by these events.” She added, “Residential Life has a commitment to inclusion within our halls and in the work we do. It includes our commitment to cultivating an environment in our residence halls, that expects nothing less than a welcoming community in which civility and respect are fostered, and discrimination and harassment are not tolerated.”

Darmelle Bosquet-Fleurival, assistant director of Residential Life, said that this bias incident was a typical one that Residential Life sees when it comes to the sensitivity of incidents. She has overseen bias incidents for the past four years, and said, “Most of our bias incidents are around passive things,” such as white boards, bulletin boards, and door decorations. Last year, before the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Bosquet-Fleurival said that Residential Life reported 29 bias incidents in residence halls, mostly around these “passive” objects.

“The hard thing is, for these incidents, is when we go around and ask questions, we can never figure out who did what, who saw what,” Bosquet-Fleurival said. “Our investigation kind of comes back to ‘nobody knows anything.’”

This bias incident in Congreve has reached a similar result, according to Bosquet-Fleurival. “For this incident, the RA talked to people on the floor, [Miller] talked to people, and nobody saw anything, nobody knew anything.”

“We’re left at educating,” Bosquet-Fleurival said. The process of educating the community about bias incidents, she said, is vital to combating them. An example that Bosquet-Fleurival cited was from Miller’s email to the residents of Congreve, which contained a definition of bias incidents, an explanation of their impact on the community and an attachment to campus support offices.

Bosquet-Fleurival said that Residential Life’s goal is “totally to be transparent because we want to educate students.” To that end, when asked why the details of the bias incident were not circulated in Miller’s email or anywhere else, Bosquet-Fleurival said, “The goal is that we don’t want to re-offend, re-traumatize people in that community by an email that she wrote... Of course, if students say to [Miller], ‘I actually want to know what happened...’ she would be able to give them that kind of trigger warning and then...share it with them in a meeting one on one.”

“Our goal is we do not want further damage to the community,” Bosquet-Fleurival said. "Our goal is to... hold people accountable as well. "RAs are supposed to collect as much evidence as possible... and then they’re expected to immediately take it down because we do not want a bias incident to stay up and to be negatively impacting more people coming by." In this instance, Bosquet-Fleurival said, the bias incident was noticed during the RA’s second round, at which point Miller was notified and the reporting process began.

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Local podcast explores partisanship, “purple” middle ground

By Anna Kate Munsey
MANAGING EDITOR

Red or blue? Donkey or elephant? Democrat or Republican? A new podcast explores the “purple” middle ground, focusing on the idea of partisanship and how it affects many aspects of daily life, not limited to situations involving politics.

Self-described as “objective, fact-based, and non-partisan,” The Purple Principle is “a podcast for independent-minded Americans.” It is produced locally by Robert Pease, the founder of Fluent Pease.

The Purple Principle team is made up of Pease, the creator and producer, Sarah Holtz, producer and senior editor, Emily Crocetti, reporter and researcher, Janice Murphy, director of marketing and senior editor, and Kevin Kline, the sound engineer.

The podcast launched this summer with several episodes available so far including “Heard from the Herd: Psychology and Partisanship” and “A Blind Date with Dividends.” Dr Elliot Smith has helped provide insight to the podcast. In college, she found a passion in media production and telling stories. She found she could still apply her studies of neuroscience and philosophy in the lens of politics and social media, at which she believes the human brain is the center.

“A truth for all of this is that perception is reality… how people live their lives in this modern day society, mixed with this positive feedback loop of polarization, people getting more and more separated in their beliefs, plays into this degradation of shared reality and a stale-mate of truth,” she said.

Crocetti’s role includes conducting interviews, voicework, giving feedback on different musical types of pizzas, burgers, beverages, and chicken such as wraps and tenders. Café Central also is similiar to how Union Court was set up. Having separate concession stands in the Whittemore Arena makes it just as convenient to get the food you want, but also allows students and staff to social distance, unlike Union Court.

As for the dining halls, COVID-19 precautions are being taken to keep students safe and have multiple procedures in place. There is hand sanitizer available at the entrance of each location throughout the facilities, along with plexiglass in between each table as a protective barrier so students can feel safe while eating without wearing a mask at their tables. Students and staff are required to wear a mask while walking around the dining halls. Tables and high touched surfaces will be disinfected at a minimum of every 2 hours. The dining halls are no longer set up in a buffet style. Students are handed disposable containers but each of the menus at the three dining halls change daily to ensure students have a different variety of food each day.

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New dining options: Café Central opens at the Whit

By Chloe Camelio
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For the fall 2020 semester, part of the Whittemore Center Arena has been transformed into a café, called the Café Central. Since Union Court is closed this semester due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the inability to social distance, students will be able to enjoy a variety of foods while also staying six feet apart. Similarly to Union Court, Café Central will accept dining dollars, swipe plans, and meal exchange up to $8.50 value.

This meal exchange program is for both students, faculty and staff and will be open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. UNH Dining Services recently added 30 additional meal exchanges to all meal plans, allowing more students to easily get food from Café Central. The menu offers a wide range of food including different types of pizzas, burgers, beverages, and chicken such as wraps and tenders. Café Central also is proving the option of “Grab and Go” where students and faculty can grab candy, brownies, cookies and chips for a quick snack in between class. The full menu can be found on the UNH dining website.

Café Central can be found through door “E” of the Whittemore Arena at the concession stands. There will be multiple stands, each serving different foods. The Corner Den will be serving different salads along with soups of the day. The concession stands will be designated to chicken, burgers, and pizza, similar to how Union Court was set up. Having separate concession stands in the Whittemore Arena makes it just as convenient to get the food you want, but also allows students and staff to social distance, unlike Union Court.

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Seating is allowed but reduced to have six feet between each table.

Guest passes are now gifted to students from UNH dining but only allow for people that have met the requirements for building access. This means friends and family not properly cleared will not be allowed into any of the dining facilities.

UNH Dairy Bar, Wildcat Bean, Wildcat Bites and Philbrook Café are open but students must order from GrubHub, which is a food ordering app. GrubHub is found in the app store and students should opt into Campus Dining in the app. GrubHub also allows students to use their meal plans on the app including dining dollars and Cash Cache.
Students will need to have a valid Wildcat Pass when they enter buildings at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) in order to be compliant with the UNH coronavirus (COVID-19) requirements.

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Students need a recent negative COVID-19 test, a completed informed consent form, completed quarantine attestation, and an updated COVID-19 profile.

The university sent out details about the Wildcat Pass on Aug. 30, the day before classes started, and informed students that “beginning Aug. 31, any university employee may ask you to show your valid Wildcat Pass. Some examples include when you go to class, meet with a professor, use Hamel Rec or enter the dining hall.” It is unclear how often students will need to show their valid Wildcat Pass or if there would be any disciplinary actions for students who are unable to provide a valid pass.

Students are able to access their Wildcat Pass using their UNH log in. Once logged in, students either have access to a copy of their compliant pass, or they are given a list of requirements that need to be completed in order to receive a valid pass. There are links directing students to complete the COVID-19 profile, Quarantine Attestation, and informed consent form for those students who still need to do so.

Students have expressed concerns about the efficiency of the Wildcat Pass system anonymously on the @covidunh Instagram page. Some students claim that their Wildcat Pass shows they are missing a negative test despite sending the required documents. One student wrote, “I sent in a negative test results to UNH on Friday but now they are denying me a pass because they said they hadn’t received them…I can’t get any questions answered because their phones don’t open until 8 tomorrow.”

According to the Wildcat Pass portal “It may take up to 4 hours for your pass to clear after submitting” any forms. Students do have the ability to apply for a temporary override of the portal by calling the UNH COVID-19 Hotline (603-862-2020), which will be open Monday-Friday from the hours of 8:30-5.

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From the Wire

Third party candidates campaign for presidency

By Cory Linds Thistle (Sophomore, U. Houston)

(WIRE) HOLARTON - With the presidential election coming in the near future, the minds seem to be fixated with news and advertising about George W. Bush and Al Gore. But, for some people, other candidates are running. The choices are as diverse as the candidates and while there are only two major parties, there are many smaller parties that hold their own ideological focus.

This is just a brief overview of some of those parties and their candidates to give you a better view of the options available to you before the time to vote this November.

Reform Party

For Buchanan’s name has been heard around in the public eye for quite some time. He tried to get the Republican nomination for president in 1996 and again in 1998.olling through, he joined the Reform Party, where he was later received in 1999. Now he has finally gotten his presidential nomination will be running in the 2000 election. Buchanan has been a witty actor of political movements. He was Vice President Nixon’s executive assistant, and after Nixon received the presidency, became his national campaign director.

Buchanan’s running mate is Linda Faith. She was the Buchanan’s co-candidate. An opponent was chosen for each of her main positions. Her main goal is to show that Buchanan is the only true presidential candidate.

Socialist Party

David McCarthy has been a Socialist for quite some time. He was a Socialist Party candidate for the Democratic Party in 1999, but he was active with the Peace and Freedom Party in 1995. He ran as a Socialist Party candidate for the United States Senate in 1992, but Buchanan has been arrested more than a dozen times for citizens for equality, civil rights and labor dynamics. He is the only person in his party, and other candidates differ from other candidates in that he is an attorney.

Mary Cail Hollis, McCarthy’s running mate, is a special-education teacher. She was the Socialist Party’s presidential nominee in 1995, making it to the final field of candidates and capturing 4,000 votes. She has been active for many years on behalf of numerous liberal and vegetarian causes. Before becoming a member of the Socialist Party, she was a Democrat.

McCarthy isn’t likely to win the election, but he should get more votes than any socialist candidate in recent elections simply because he’ll be on the ballots.

Greens Party

Many people are familiar with Ralph Nader, a well-known consumer advocate. He is currently the presidential nominee for the Greens Party, a group focused on environmental issues. Nader’s platform is centered on having his campaign reflect the problems and remedies for the excessive concentration of corporate power and wealth in our country by highlighting the important tools of democracy needed for the American people in voter registration, workers, consumers, taxpayers and small investors.

His running mate is Victoria Latino, a leader of the Green Party. She is running for the first time. Her main goal is to show that the Greens Party is the only true presidential candidate.

Buchanan and Foster are both pro-life, pro-school and anti-war. He will receive matching federal funding from a Federal Election Committee.

Libertarian Party

Gary Browne was the party’s vice-presidential candidate in 1996 and 1998. Now, he will be the party’s nominee for president. The Libertarian Party is a party that believes in the freedom of the individual and individual rights and is opposed to any type of government intervention in the lives of the people.

His running mate is Brad Hahn, a lawyer and a campaign manager. His main goal is to show that the Libertarian Party is the only true presidential candidate.
Nicole Tocco Cardwell, the owner and baker of Grit and Grains views her bakeshop as a modern version of her grandparents’ dream. Her grandparents immigrated to the United States from Italy and owned and operated their own bakery in the North End of Boston for over 50 years. Grit and Grains bakeshop is a licensed Homestead Food Operation through the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and is run out of Tocco Cardwell’s home kitchen. She bakes everything from scratch, in small batches with responsibly sourced ingredients based on her customer’s orders. Customers order in advance from the Grit and Grains website and during checkout choose which day to pick-up their breads and sweet treats from Tocco Cardwell’s front porch. The pick-up process is contact free.

After Tocco Cardwell lost her job due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), for free time on her hands. With a passion for baking and extensive knowledge on how to make our food system environmentally and socially sustainable, she decided to create her own bakeshop. “I had my dream job,” said Tocco Cardwell. “I’ve connected with more neighbors, community members and small business owners over the last two months than I ever could have dreamed.”

Grit and Grains opened about two months ago and is a one-woman bakeshop. Tocco Cardwell, her husband, and 3-year-old daughter recently moved to Durham while her husband is enrolled in the accelerated Master of Nursing program at the University of New Hampshire. While experiencing the loss of her job and adjusting to her new hometown, she decided to start Grit and Grains. Tocco Cardwell found this new experience has allowed her to get closer with her neighbors and community. “I went from feeling isolated to truly becoming part of this community,” said Tocco Cardwell.

Grit and Grains has not thought too much about her long-term goals for her company and instead has been focusing on her short-term plans. She has been selling out each week and is working on keeping up with demand and maintain the high quality of her bakery items. She said her dream would be to renovate part of her home into a small conventional kitchen or potentially open her own bakery in downtown Durham. “Starting this bakeshop was possible in part because I could do it without much investment,” said Tocco Cardwell. “In the end, I realized that the two things I needed were determination (grit) and plenty of grains to bake with.”

From sourcing responsible ingredients to making fresh baked goods, Grit and Grains offers the local community the chance to support a small business and eat well.

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The Big Bean is an affordable breakfast and lunch place for students with fair prices. It's not just a place students will enjoy though - it's a comfortable space that is welcoming to families too - the perfect place to bring parents visiting for the weekend. Although their walk-in cafe is opening this Saturday, it will only be open on the weekend. Still, The Big Bean does have some nice space outside for enjoying some breakfast in the sun during the week.

A student favorite - Hop + grind - offers the craziest combinations of scratch made burgers imaginable. There's a burger for every mood or craving, like the "Morning Glory," a breakfast burger with a hash brown, fried egg, bacon and truffled maple syrup. Feeling like some dumplings? Go for the "Karate Pig," a pork burger topped with house made kimchi, soy glaze and "dojo sauce." For pepper and pickle lovers out there, Hop + grind often comes out with new limited time burgers, like the "Peter Piper" chicken sandwich - brined in pepper juice, topped with pickle ranch dressing and fried pickled peppers (it sounds like a mouthful and it literally is).

Hop + grind is a great student hangout, and they have plenty of craft beer selections available from local breweries. They offer cans and bottles if you want to take it on the go as well. Currently they are offering online ordering and they will bring the food out to your car for curbside pickup. They also have indoor and outdoor dining available. It’s worth the visit, and don’t worry, I don’t think it’s possible to leave Hop + grind without a full stomach. Bamee is the perfect place to go if you want to try new types of Asian food. The Thai street noodle and Asian fusion at Bamee is a nice change of pace and they have a menu wide enough to serve any Asian food cravings. The crab rangoons, for example, are delightful, with a light and crunchy outer shell and the creamy filling boasting some of their Thai curry mixed in. They’re so good it might even be worth getting two orders - sometimes six just isn’t quite enough. The typical noodle or rice dishes at Bamee come with plenty of add ons - the crispy pork goes super well on top of a teriyaki rice bowl, while the crispy chicken compliments the noodles, but both are solid options, and sometimes throwing on a fried egg does the trick too.

A personal favorite of mine is the Panang Curry. It’s sweet and flavorful with a great amount of spice at the same time. One thing that truly shines about Bamee at times like these is how well their food translates to takeout. After having been takeout only since the pandemic ramped up, Bamee recently announced the opening of its patio for outdoor seating. It really feels like they want to treat their customers well, providing hefty portions for fair prices. Another reason why I like the curry: they give you a whole pint that you can save for two or three more meals after you’re already full!

You can’t go wrong with Wildcat Pizza. It’s a campus classic that fits the bill when you need something delivered, or some good quality comfort food. Their pizza is a solid choice - a decent ratio of sauce and cheese and not too much grease. It’s a great opportunity to stick with classic pepperoni, but they have a wide range of toppings to go with whatever your heart desires.

The calzones are where the place shines the most in my opinion. Not only is there a wide variety of great ones, from chicken parmesan to steak and cheese, there are some under the radar picks that are very good as well - the pesto chicken for example - with alfredo and pesto sauce mixed together. For the amount of food stuffed into the calzone, a small is plenty for one person and they’re all under $12 dollars! It’s definitely worth a try if you need a switch up from your usual. Wildcat Pizza opened back up on Wednesday, Sept. 9 for pickup orders. Although there are plenty more Durham restaurants to share, they’ll be included in a later edition of the series. Needless to say, the restaurants that aren’t listed above still need the support from the local community - both students and Durham residents. Everyone has a role to play in continuing to bring business into Durham’s restaurants to keep them afloat during these tough times.
Editorial: First-year student describes quarantine experience

By Bella Dzikai

I’ve spent the first two weeks of college on a timeline of quarantine. I spent a couple months and a 1,500-mile car ride anticipating these first few days of college, thinking of who I would meet and the new memories I would make. It was my first morning on campus and I was with a few friends I met the day before when I received the call that I had to quarantine. To my surprise, the day before during my move in I was in close contact with someone who tested positive. This completely backfired. Thankfully because I came to UNH not knowing anyone and everyone I had met on my first day did not have any. I was and am nervous. I want to be able to ensure that all the things I am worried about are not only because of the people I am alone with and not being with friends to help me through and being alone and so far from home, which I blame them. I was nervous. Too soon after I moved into the room and with a little help from my friends and family, I began to look on the bright side of the situation.

On-campus quarantine, no matter how you get there is not the best situation. In my case, I had been worried about being alone and so far from home, but like others that isn’t an option for me so I have made the best I can out of it. I have learned some new ways to manage my time and stay sane. I think the number one priority in this situation is maintaining health. Being in quarantine will affect your physical health and your mental health. You’re in a room alone and there is only so much screen time you can handle before you find yourself pacing in boredom. As an active person, the reality of not being allowed outside triggered a lot of anxiety inside of me. So, I decided to try and comb my boredom and anxiety with a routine.

Wake up, eat breakfast, go to class, workout, eat lunch, read, do homework, mess around with things and go to dinner. FaceTime my friends and family, watch Love Island virtually with my cousin, and go to bed. Staying positive is so crazy important, and hard. You will overcome quarantine and will find a way to make it work. People out and about and having fun on Snapchat or Instagram really dampens my spirit, the fear of not being able to see my friends and family. A great way to keep yourself busy is something that requires no cost. Stuff like dancing and trying out a new yoga studio or anything to do with that point of time. The point of the situation, for the sake of mental wellbeing, stay away from things that will strike up sadness and anxiety and instead I strongly encourage doing something else like calling someone that you would love to have a positive vibe strong and will be supportive. If there’s no one to call, your school offers counseling and support so complete loneliness doesn’t have to be an option. Below are some suggestions and resources I have for those in quarantine feeling similarly to the way I do:

Packaging for the Bubble

There are rows and sheets already in the dorm, so the rest is up to you. I suggest bringing a reusable water bottle, a warm blanket, cozy sweatshirts, school supplies, and maybe a pillow that brings that you keep a busy like a yoga mat, books, speaker, etc. Whatever will help you when you’re not in class or studying.

Eating well helps

You get three meals a day from the food service and a few snacks from the market. You can choose what you want to eat but if you’re hungry in between meals make sure to bring some good food to snack on. That through. Also, not to sound like your doctor, but make sure to try and eat earlier in the day. Eating well helps the body function better, especially since you’re out of your normal routine. Good food can also boost your energy, counteract the impact of stress, and positively affect mood related body chemicals. For example, some nutrients that play a role in combating depression include B12, folate, and omega 3 acids. So, eating foods like beans, spinach, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, or apples will definitely make a cognitive difference.

Get fit

If you’re familiar with yoga or Pilates the majority of those workouts are done on a mat. Mat workouts can easily be done in a small space which makes the tem- porary dorm a perfect spot. Work- ing out is important during quar- antine because you’re not moving the same amount you would be on campus. Also, being active during this time will help maintain mental and physical health. Some free online workout classes I like to do include: www.corepoweryogaonline.com

Peloton’s free trial for a variety of mat strength and cardio workouts Tips for keeping your mind at ease...

Like I said earlier, this time alone isn’t healthy, so it’s important to stay busy in the right ways. The right way means setting some time to address how you’re feeling and build self-motiva- tion.

Download Headspace! It’s a great meditation app that actually helps! They offer a student dis- count, tons of meditation packs, and mindful workouts.

Study! Take this time to get ahead in classes, organize yourself and believe some academic stress by getting work done. Read! If reading isn’t your thing, try to do something else that will make your mind happy. Watch some funny movies, TV shows, YouTube videos, and TikToks! A good laugh is much needed and will help a lot. (Some of my television shows on Netflix are Parks and Recreation, New Girl, and That’s 70’s show, Tales by the Light, and Criminal Minds.).

Relax! Don’t forget to get good sleep and try to have a wind down routine to give yourself a sense of normalcy to finish off your day.

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you will get through this. Writing down what’s going on right now will not only help you feel less overwhelmed but also help you feel what you’re feeling. It will also be an interesting read in the future. Take aSEMME, take advantage of the bonus points, and get to know the people in the background when you’re laying down or just looking out the window helps keep your mind from wandering. My favorite podcast is Oligies with Allie Wood on Spotify.

Music! Silence isn’t a bad thing but too much of it can be overwhelming especially being alone. Throw on background music! From hype songs to lo-fi beats, listen to what will help your mind feel a little happier in that situation.

Call your friends and fami- ly! I can’t say this enough, it helps with the need for human interac- tion and socialization. You could even set up a Netflix party with some buds.

Despite wearing a mask, test- ing negative, and doing everything right, “with a little bit of bad luck, quarantine can easily become a reality. Make sure you’re being so- cially responsible, taking care of yourself, and considering other people. If you’re experiencing symptoms get tested and wear your mask so that less people will miss out on the college experience.

Editorial: Your Rights Under Title IX Are Changing, But SHARP’s Services Are Not

Dear students,

You may have received an email from UNH a few weeks ago informing you of changes to Title IX. The law was recently changed by the Department of Education prohibiting discrimination based on gender in schools, including sexual harassment and assault. It ensures a safe learning environment for all students, and requires schools to develop anti- harassment policies and investigate reports of sexual misconduct. This new law, or student, or student survivor, you may be impacted by these changes or have some questions as to what they might mean for you. You may have been caught off guard by this change or feel worried that you may not get the support that you need.

First, we want to assure you that the Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARP) will continue to be here to offer confidential support and advocacy despite these recent changes. Even though Title IX has changed, SHARP’s services have not. As a confidential cam- pus advocacy center, we cannot report incidents of violence to the university or the police, as we are not a reporting office or entity on campus. However, if you choose to participate in the reporting pro- cesses, SHARP will continue to accompany and support you. Here are a few things we think you should know about changes to Title IX:

1. The definition of sexual misconduct under Title IX has changed. Under the new regu- lations, the definition of sexual misconduct will be broadened to include incidents that are “se- vere, pervasive and objectively offensive.” Other misconduct like domestic violence or sexual as- sault under Title IX offers protection against this. This threshold. This means that some behaviors — if they do not fit within the definition of violence — may not be subject to investigation by SHARP under Title IX rules. However, UNH can still respond to these incidents through other university policies.

2. UNH no longer has to investigate reports of violence at the har- dened off campus, even if all par- ties involved were UNH students. UNH has narrowed the scope of which incidents of violence a school must investigate. If vio- lence occurred outside of the uni- versity, even if both parties are af- filiated with UNH, the university may not be required to investigate if it under Title IX, however can still investigate under other university policies.

3. Accused parties now have greater rights to participate in Title IX proceedings. This means that a perpetrator’s advi- sor or accompanying parties will be able to cross-examine the sur- vivor, a process that could be re- traumatizing to survivors. SHARP advocates will continue to support survivors dur- ing Title IX proceedings and of- fer support as much as we can to survivors throughout the process. New guidelines do not change SHARP’s role in these process- es, and survivors are still entitled to support regardless of whether they make a Title IX complaint or not.

4. If you have any questions about what these changes to Title IX mean for you, or about SHARP services, please don’t hesitate to reach out via our con- fidential 24/7 helpline: (603) 862- 7233. SHARP’s services are free and confidential to the UNH community, and while our servic- es may look a little different this semester, we are still here for you remotely or face-to-face.

Amid the current pandemic, our office hours are Monday- Friday 10am-4pm. Walk-ins are available, but appointments - or even a phone call a few minutes before walking in the building -- will help us prepare a clean space for you. Our services are confiden- tial, meaning we will not have to report incidents of disclosing spatial or distancing or mask guidelines. Advocates can also be reached via our live text and web chat services 9am-4pm Monday- Friday.

Best,
UNH SHARP Staff

The New Hampshire
Young voters, use your voice

Following the N.H. state primary on Tuesday, Sept. 8, it was confirmed that state Senate Majority leader Dan Feltes (D) will be challenging incumbent Chris Sununu (R) to be the next governor. The current governor and the November general election has in store.

Feltes defeated N.H. Executive Council member Andru Volinsky by nearly 700 votes. Now, the two candidates will look to the Nov. 3 gubernatorial election that will decide if Sununu gets to serve his third consecutive two-year term as governor of N.H.

The nomination of Feltes and the nomination of Senate hopeful Bryant “Corky” Messner (R) has ensured N.H.’s battle ground state title. Both the RNC and the DNC will have solid chances to control N.H.’s state government starting in November.

In Durham, Tuesday’s primary (held at Oyster River High School) was a welcome sight to many. A record number of voters, 2672 to be exact, showed up at the polls. According to a recent poll from NextGen America, the number of youth voters (18-35) in the state has increased, and whether you think that’s a good thing or not, it certainly prompt America’s youth to think critically of what the November elections have in store.

We have seen a pandemic decimate the health of many American citizens throughout the past seven months. Through thatspan, the majority of those voters have also said that they are more motivated to vote than in past elections. Hopefully Durham’s encouraging voter turnout will be a microcosm of what the November general election has in store.

Ongoing racial tension and COVID-19 induced controversies have made the voting process more important than ever before. All political leanings aside, the time is now for young voters.

In recent weeks, the country has seen students at schools like the Eastern Michigan University and University of Missouri organize racial protests of up to 800 people. It is efforts on campuses like these, that will bring both racial awareness and will force students to educate themselves on our political landscape. 

Racial divide in the U.S. has arguably never been more publicized, and whether you think that’s warranted or not, it will certainly prompt America’s youth to show up to the polls.

If you are a young voter, please educate yourself.

Your parents’ political ideals don’t have to be yours. Your grandparents’ political ideals don’t have to be yours and your friends’ political ideals don’t have to be yours.

We have seen a pandemic decimate the health of many American citizens throughout the past seven months. Through that time, countless bills and legislation have been carried out that affect each and every young voter.

On April 21, the current administration and U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos allocated $6.2 billion to higher education relief across the country. This helped many young students that will be voting in two months. Despite this, the administration has dropped the ball on many other facets of the situation, including the initial supply of COVID-19 tests and other “ammunition” to fight the war on COVID.

I say this because every young voter should know what they are and aren’t voting for...so I plead to you, INFORM YOURSELF, and vote for what YOU believe in. After all, it’s your civic duty.

Josh Morrill
Executive Editor

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The Bruins lose to Lightning, shift focus to offseason

By Shaun Petipas - SPORTS EDITOR

With the Bruins losing this past week many fans and even some of the players are stuck wondering what’s next? Has their window for a Stanley Cup slammed shut in the new year? It’s not as simple as open or closed for the B’s as they lie right in the middle of a core of aging veterans and a platoon of young talent coming up from Providence.

For Bruins General Manager Don Sweeney this is one of, if not, the biggest offseason of his career as the GM of the Bruins. With decisions in front of him with players like Zdeno Chara, Torey Krug and Tuukka Rask, Sweeney has his plate full.

The Bruins showed in their last playoff series that this team is not ready to win a Stanley Cup and can’t hang with the Vegas Golden Knights and the Tampa Bay Lightning of the world. So, what can Sweeney do to keep their window open and keep a chance at a cup? Sweeney has built a decent roster but with a new need for a player on the net, on both ends of the ice, he needs to change some things. Not to say that he needs to go out and get a big shiny free agent or Nick Ritchie, but they do need some help with puck possession and someone who is willing to get their nose dirty in the middle of the ice.

On the other side of the team the Bruins have huge questions around their defensive core as two of their top four defenders – Chara and Krug – are in contract years. For the 43-year-old captain Zdeno Chara, he has stated that he wants to keep playing.

“I’m positive I can still play and contribute to this game,” the B’s captain said in a Zoom call. “I want to be in Boston. I’m committed. We’ll see what’s gonna happen next.”

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It is the end for Krug in Boston, the undrafted, 185-pound defenseman brought his all game. The Bruins are going to miss his feisty personality and his offensive production but Boston will always have the memory of him skating down the ice in the Stanley Cup Finals, no helmet, hair flowing, to lay a crushing hit on Robert Thomas.

By Cameron Bell - SPORTS EDITOR

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Tom Yawkey with the Red Sox in every plan for, and a quarterback who can throw, scramble, and run the ball on his own is about as difficult as they come.

While this all sounds great on paper, it won’t be that easy. Although all the reports show that Newton looks to be at 100 percent in camp, he doesn’t have a lengthy injury history. Not to mention that Julian Edelman is his only proven target on the outside.

The Patriots are bracing themselves for a reality check after 20 years of success, but if Newton can stay on the field it could be something fun to watch.
Men’s cross-country adjusts to new routines

By Brackett Lyons

STAFF WRITER

DURHAM, NH – As students get used to the new normal at the University of New Hampshire this fall, athletes face an even larger adjustment. Athletes can normally count on the structure of a season and the support network that a team provides. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken that away this fall and UNH’s student-athletes now must adapt to unprecedented circumstances.

Forest Mackenzie is a sophomore on the UNH men’s cross-country team. He has seen his fall season postponed after already losing his spring track season earlier this year. He knew the postponement was coming but the pain of a lost season still hits him hard. Wilkes said that away this fall and UNH’s student-athletes now must adapt to unprecedented circumstances.

Jamie Wilkes is one of those seniors as well as a captain on the men’s cross-country team. He is now forced to grapple with the loss of his final season at UNH while trying to lead a team that can’t truly be a team. Wilkes said that he and the other seniors have become close and would often think ahead to their senior season.

“It doesn’t get to play out the way that you plan it or talk about it. So emotionally, it just takes a toll.” The team continues to run and practice in small groups but according to Wilkes motivation can be hard to find. “There’s nothing really in the future to kind of see what you’re showing up to practice for. So, it’s just a lot of waiting. Which… I guess it’s just emotionally draining.”

The NCAA has announced that it will work on potentially hosting fall championships in the spring. For Cross-Country this would potentially mean a season starting in Feb. or March ending in time for the spring track season. Wilkes hopes this can be successful but isn’t holding his breath.

“I think like anything that’s happened in the past six months, you’ve kind of just got to wait, hope for the best. Kind of realize that the worst is a possibility.” Mackenzie is blunter with his assessment.

“The probability of that happening for us in just h榴cross. There’s no way we can have a season when it’s zero degrees up here. It’s really a southern idea. The Midwest? there’s no way they’d be able to do it. So, it’s nice that they’re trying to do stuff. But it just kind of seems like it’s a wash at this point.”

Wilkes has been put in the position of trying to lead a team he can’t see in person. “So, with the freshmen, we don’t have a ton of contact info. So especially for those really young guys with their first year, it’s hard to reach out and say, hey, come over we’ll go on a run you know?”

The team can’t practice or run all together as they have been instructed to only do so with those they live with. This has led to a lack of unity amongst the team and most heavily impacted the freshmen. “I feel for them because I know my freshman year, it really helped having the seniors, the upperclassmen, the captain’s give words of advice. Even just like showing running routes around Durham. You don’t even have that kind of capability when you’re stuck in small groups.”

Mackenzie said the team environment he’s used to it no longer there. “You kind of just see bits and pieces of the team. So, until we see the full team, it’s still like, a part of you is broken. It doesn’t see in real, like some guys even deferred this semester because what’s the point, you know?”

Mackenzie gives credit to the seniors and Coach Boulanger for hosting Zoom meetings so the team can at least be together virtually. “That’s the only time we’ve seen everybody.” Unfortunately, Zoom calls are a far cry from the experience Mackenzie had his freshman year.

“It’s weird because last year, you’d eat dinner, everyone together. Lunch, everyone together. Breakfast, everyone together. Go practice, everybody together. Go practice, everyone’s together the Weekends, everybody’s together. And now it’s like you’re all alone. Yeah, it’s a different world, totally different.”

UNH will allow the cross-country team to begin practicing in slightly larger groups this week and Wilkes is optimistic.

“Hopefully we’ll be able to talk to those younger kids and kind of help them with the transition. This is not an easy transition from high school to college, athletics and just school in general.”

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University of New Hampshire’s Nicolas Sevilla-Connelly (77) competes with runners from Holy Cross and Providence College in a 2019 race.