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## UNH reports 20 active COVID-19 cases; zero since Oct. 3

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STAFF WRITER

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) reported zero new COVID-19 cases on campus since Oct. 3, 2020.

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) released its coronavirus (COVID-19) statistics for the week of Sept. 30 through Oct. 6 for all three campuses.

It is important to note that UNH releases its results daily. These results are accurate as of 8 a.m. on Oct. 7, 2020.

Between these results, UNH has seen a decrease in its seven-day total from a high of six to a low of zero cases between its three campuses. Its active cases for students remain at eight while cases for faculty have dropped to 11.

The number of students quarantining on the Durham campus has dropped three, while there are currently no students isolating on campus. The number of students quarantining off-campus stands at 41, while the number of students isolating off-campus is eight.

UNH makes a distinction between quarantining and isolation. Students in quarantine are located in Babcock Hall and have been in close contact with a student who has tested positive for COVID-19. A close contact is defined as an individual within 6 feet for 10 minutes or more within two days of illness onset, regardless of mask usage. Isolation is defined as an individual who has symptoms of COVID-19 and/or has tested positive for COVID-19.

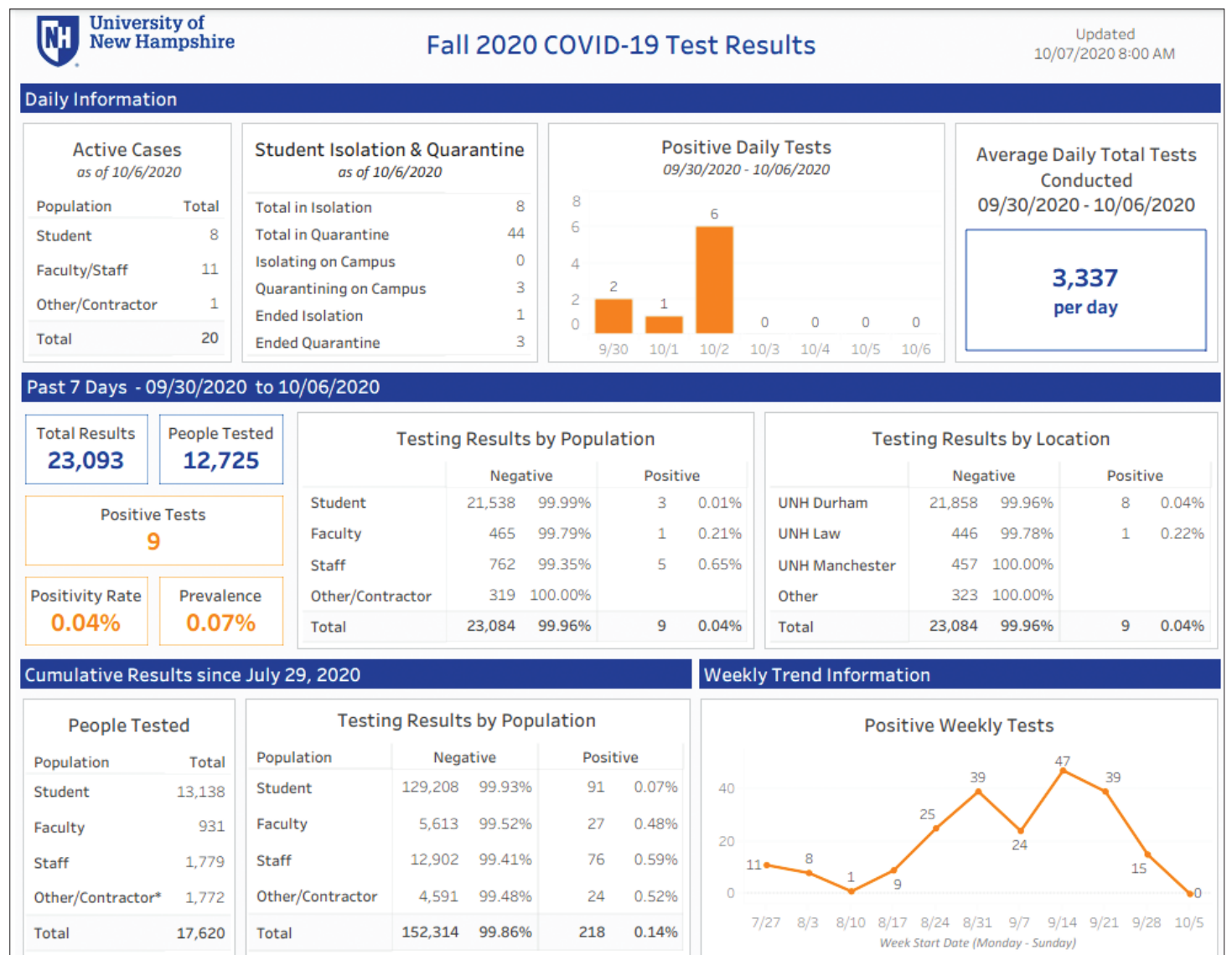


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Three students have ended quarantine, and one student has ended isolation.

UNH has seen three COVID-19 clusters, one as a result of an off-campus party at the Theta Chi Fraternity, one at the Gables, and one within UNH Dining. All three have been managed by UNH, and the administration has since allowed organizations to meet

on campus, as well as visitors in the Gables Apartments. UNH Dining recently shut down the Dairy Bar in part due to staffing issues as a result of COVID-19.

The average number of daily tests has remained steady, topping off at 3,337 as of 8 a.m. on Oct. 7, 2020.

UNH has tested 17,620 students, faculty and staff since

reporting began on July 29, 2020. This includes results from ConvenientMD, Quest Diagnostics and the UNH Lab.

UNH has performed 152,314 tests on 13,138 individual students. Of these tests, 91 have returned positive. UNH has also performed 5,613 on 931 individual faculty members, of which 27 have returned positive. Of the 1,779

staff, 112,902 tests have been performed with 76 positive cases.

In a recent email from UNH President James W. Dean Jr., he continues to urge community members to “stay safe, careful and vigilant.”

Students, faculty and staff are urged to monitor their symptoms and schedule a contact Health & Wellness im-

## UNH Police Department introduces safety resources

By Ben Domaingue  
STAFF WRITER

The University of New Hampshire’s (UNH) Police Department emailed students alerting them to multiple safety resources for students and community members.

These resources include RAVE Guardian, uSafeUS and Walking Escorts.

These new resources come

as the annual Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) was released by the UNH Police Department on Sept. 29.

The UNH Police Department began to publicize these resources after a reported sexual assault in Stoke Hall and two indecent exposures in September.

For context, the UNH Police Department reported 53 rapes and 22 fondling-related instances

on and off-campus between last year’s report and this year’s.

uSafeUS is a safety app created by the UNH Police Department to assist students in uncomfortable or traumatic situations, to get help from bartenders and wait for staff, and to provide a wide variety of resources and survivor services through the Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP) and Psychology and Counseling Services (PACS).

Given that October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, SHARPP is hosting numerous events virtually, such as letter writing on Monday, Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. and Action-Centered Book Club on Oct. 1 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Ally Poulin, SHARPP’s Outreach Assistant, considers uSafeUS an effective extra layer of security for students.

“uSafeUS is great because it has the phone numbers for all

of the resources available for SHARPP,” Poulin said.

Though uSafeUS provides this extra layer of security, Poulin believes SHARPP’s educational programs are more effective in keeping students safe. Poulin said, “A big thing for me, and is probably the biggest thing that helps the most people on campus,

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is our prevention education.” SHARPP has a significant presence on campus, working with Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL), posting flyers in dorms, and working with Residential Life (ResLife) for their outreach.

Amy Culp, the director of SHARPP, outlined SHARPP’s changing scope due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

SHARPP integrated a live chat software which can be used for students who may not be comfortable attending a session remotely.

“When someone is remotely working, they are monitoring the chat line on Resource Connect,”

said Culp.

This resource is offered through the Violence Against Women Act and is HIPPA-compliant.

“A lot of our community is not located on campus with COVID-19, or they may not feel comfortable coming in. It is available through the day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and we still have our line available 24/7/365,” said Culp.

RAVE Guardian is another app offered by the UNH Police Department which allows students to report crime, suspicious activity and safety concerns directly to UNH Police Dispatchers.

According to the UNH Police Department, the app can be used anonymously or with pre-loaded information.

Mikayla Jerominek, a junior at UNH, has used RAVE Guardian in the past. She said, “I didn’t find it as effective as hearing about it on social media.”

Jerominek believes RAVE Guardian is a useful resource, but she would like to see more prevention. She said, “I feel like there are resources [like uSafeUS and RAVE Guardian] to fall back on, but there is not as much prevention.”

Even with these resources, she said that she believes UNH could do more to ensure the safety of their students. Jerominek said, “If they ran the busses later and more often, or a way to get home safe later, that would be helpful. I would love to see them [the police department] do more harm re-

duction rather than criminalizing things.”

Despite its flaws, Jerominek feels secure on the UNH campus with everything available to her. “Especially being a transfer student from Providence, it did not feel as safe as it did here,” she said. “I feel very safe on campus. I feel if something like that happened again I’d have somewhere to go and people that will listen and people who are educated.”

Students can utilize these two new resources anonymously. Students are encouraged to communicate any concerns on campus with the police department through RAVE Guardian.

The UNH Police Department also offers walking escorts to and from on-campus locations

for anyone. However, students are encouraged to contact UNH Transportation services first.

Students are also encouraged to use the Blue Light Emergency Telephones should students find themselves in an emergency. International students can also obtain their driver license with assistance from UNH as well.

Though the UNH Police Department continues to offer resources, students like Jerominek would like to see more restorative action within the UNH community.

“The biggest and best way of preventing assault is having prevention education,” said Culp.


## uSafeUS app aims to combat sexual assault and violence

### The uSafeUS App

**Time to Leave™**  
Send yourself a fake text or call to make it easy to leave an uncomfortable situation.

**Expect Me™**  
Alert friends to follow up with you if you don't arrive as expected, for example when walking home alone at night.

**Angel Drink**  
Give an SOS disguised as a drink recipe to bartenders or servers.



**Find Help**  
A contact book of the emergency and support resources closest to your campus.

**Helpful Answers**  
FAQs about sexual and relationship violence and stalking to help yourself or a friend.

**What Next?**  
A step-by-step guide explaining your options in the aftermath of an assault.

*Photo courtesy of the University of New Hampshire*

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Created by University of New Hampshire (UNH) students, faculty and staff, uSafeUS is an app students can download on their phones that provide preventative tools and resources relating to sexual assault and violence. The UNH students who created the app won first place at the Idea-Thon sponsored by the UNH Prevention Innovations Research Center (PIRC) and second place at the 2016 UNH Social Venture Innovation Challenge (SVIC).

The uSafeUS app and Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP) both work together to prevent sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking against students. SHARPP provides free and confidential services to survivors of sexual assault and harassment and allies. SHARPP also spreads awareness around the UNH community about sexual assault prevention.

The uSafeUS app offers tools and content that could help in any dangerous or uncomfortable situation. The research based tools are available on the app everywhere, and at every time.

The uSafeUS app isn’t just for sexual assault prevention; it helps students in the aftermath of a violent relationship and stalking and both are a big part of the app. It can help people if they are in an unhealthy or abusive relationship, and can also directly connect you to SHARPP.

In an uncomfortable or potentially dangerous situation people can utilize the Time to Leave feature. It will send a text or phone call from a contact selected by you. The contact users chose will not be notified.

Hannah Drake, uSafeUS campus and community coordinator, explained, “I like to keep Time to Leave in mind when I’m meeting up with someone for a socially distanced date – especially if it’s someone I’m meeting for the first time or don’t know very well yet.

If they come on too strong or say something that makes me feel unsafe, I pretend to check my phone and pull up uSafeUS. I set a timer for my friend Abby to “call” me in the next 2-3 minutes and set my phone back down on the table. When she “calls,” I answer, feign concern at what she’s saying, and leave with a quick apology that she needs me right away.”

Another feature on the app is the angel drink. When selecting the angel drink on the home page, a fake drink menu will pop up and it will give the option to choose a drink. After selecting the “angel drink” three options will pop up: Help Me Leave, Ask Another To Leave, or Please Call the Police. “Each of these options delivers a discrete message to a bartender or server. You can tell whoever you’re with that you’re just looking up this drink you tried once, and when you show your bartender the screen, they’ll see a message that you need their help” Drake said. She also said that students can use this at the bars lo-

cated in downtown Durham.

The prevention programming that SHARPP provides on campus is reinforced by uSafeUS. “[uSafeUS] offers straightforward answers to questions about sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking that you might not be comfortable asking out loud. uSafeUS also offers quick links to SHARPP’S advocacy and direct services, including their 24/7 helpline, options to text/chat with an advocate, and in-person appointments,” said Drake.

Drake said, “As the uSafeUS Project Manager and a UNH alumna (class of 2016), I think the most useful part of the uSafeUS is the fact that UNH students can use the app anywhere. If you’re on campus, if you’re learning remotely, if you’re traveling while on break or visiting home for the weekend – prevention tools and helpful resources for you and your friends are always just a few taps away.”

Drake explained the importance of looking out for oneself

and friends, and said she wishes she had the app on her phone when she was in college, “Unfortunately, I know so many people – myself included – who have been on the receiving end of a disclosure in college. When a friend tells you that they didn’t actually want to have sex with that person at that party, or their partner is threatening them, or someone from class won’t stop showing up at their dorm and it’s starting to freak them out, it can be really hard to know what to do. uSafeUS makes it easier for you and your friends to get out of uncomfortable or potentially dangerous situations, and gives you straightforward information on your options for moving forward after an incident. I honestly wish I’d had the app on my phone when I was in college.”

Drake encourages every student to have the app downloaded on their phone, especially because it is 100% confidential and free.

# Town hall hosted on diversity initiative

By Aqeel Hisham  
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On Sept. 30, President of the University of New Hampshire (UNH) James Dean, hosted his third town hall this semester regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) on campus. The town hall was joined by Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Nadine Petty and Provost and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Wayne Jones. The event was moderated by Student Body President Nicholas Fitzgerald and law student Michael Fazzi.

While the first two town halls regarding this matter were focused more on faculty and staff identifying the right issues, the third town hall was designated for students. President Dean said that the university has identified initiatives in seven different areas from the previous town halls, but they were waiting for the students' feedback before finalizing any initiatives.

The town hall started with Petty laying out the initiatives in seven different areas: to create a more diverse faculty and staff; to create a more diverse student body; an inclusive and welcoming environment for all, especially people of color; to have all students prepared to function effectively in diverse settings, at UNH and beyond; to conduct research including issues of racism, diversity and inclusion; leadership teams proactively address-

ing diversity and inclusion; and structures to facilitate the above actions.

In terms of the DEI within the faculty and staff, Petty said the numbers were low, but comparing 2004 and present, there has been an increase in the percentage of faculty of color in general. She added, "One of the ways that I'm going to do that is to create an online portal where we can put all kinds of best practices, we can actually post potentially jobs that are available for anyone who is looking for a diverse applicant pool."

Similarly, the number of undergraduate and graduate students of color at UNH is very low, according to Petty. She said that the university is currently under-enrolled but is working on making UNH more attractive to not only high school students, but also international students. One of the ways that UNH is trying to do that is by developing a survey for high schools around UNH and asking juniors and seniors particularly on their perspective towards UNH. "We really can't make the changes that we need to make until we figure out from the lens of incoming high school students," she added.

As for graduate students, Petty said that the president and vice president are currently working to start a peer-to-peer mentoring program for under-represented students at UNH.

One of the biggest goals for UNH this semester is

about building a welcoming environment for all students. UNH currently offers diversity training to work in that area but is working to enhance the program. "There were gaps," said Petty. "There are opportunities to do better and to offer more training that is accessible and more training available and also a wider array of training."

On the topic of safety, UNH has also introduced an alternative of ReportIt which would be called Ethics Point. The new platform will launch sometime in November for students to voice their concerns. One of the biggest additional advantage to this platform compared to ReportIt is that it allows back and forth communication for students to know the status of a report. Additionally, students can upload documents or photos to support the claims that they are filing.

"Students can also contact anyone from the offices of affirmative action and equity or from community standards, any office that might be handling the actual complaint where the actual investigation to supply additional information, to ask questions and likewise, staff can talk to students through the platform for the same purpose," added Petty.

In the meantime, Petty is working closely with Vice Provost for Student Life Kenneth Holmes to make sure that any students that report bias or racist incidents will have the university's 100% support from

start to finish. Aside from that, there has also been a proposal to hire additional staff depending on the university's budget to help with the advocacy piece for students who are filing for incidences of bias and racism.

UNH is also committed to engaging students in scholarship, research, and extracurricular activities. To prepare all students with the knowledge, skills, and experience for the diverse world, Jones said, "Students get to work closely with postdoctoral researchers, international scientist, and faculty, but we need to make sure that environment is inclusive so that when students go elsewhere they feel comfortable in a diverse environment and that they know how to be in a diverse community."

Being among the top research institutions in the country, UNH has decided to incorporate the topic of DEI as part of their research. According to Dean, the university is working on a number of ways that the university could increase research in that area such as internal funding for faculty, developing and hosting workshops, and working with the state to provide programs and leadership for issues regarding DEI.

As far as leadership teams, UNH currently has a few numbers of teams in the community. "What we are committed to as part of these initiatives is that diversity will be on the agenda of every one of those

teams on a regular basis, at least monthly and probably more often than that," said Dean.

These teams will work on addressing the challenges, continuing to listen and learn from one another, and creating performance metrics.

Dean said that this effort will show students that the issue of DEI is not something that the university will only talk about during town halls but also an issue that the university will continue to work on. Additionally, he said he will personally insist that DEI be on the performance appraisal documents for all of the senior leaders in the university to include their contribution towards DEI in their evaluation. Dean hopes that this "sea change" will help the university's initiative to increase DEI on campus.

To facilitate all of the actions above, UNH will put together an advisory committee made solely of students. This committee of students will help to keep UNH accountable, honest, and provide them with information with experiences from the student's perspective.

UNH has already begun the restructuring of the diversity committee, councils and commissions that are under the Office of Community, Equity and Diversity to ensure more efficiency, less confusion, and less discussion and more action when it comes to DEI initiatives.

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# COLSA dean discusses diversity, sustainability

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The new College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA) Dean Anthony Davis spoke about his firm commitment to combating inequality and racism at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and stressed the importance of sustainability during the current climate crisis the world faces.

Colleges across the United States have been attempting to add more diversity into their curriculums and prevent future racism within their colleges after the murder of George Floyd sparked many Black Lives Matter protests across the country. Davis talked about what COLSA specifically would do to make the majors more diverse and combat the racism at the school. He also said that among students, staff and faculty he believes “there’s a really strong collective interest in being part of positive change.”

He said that there is a responsibility to get a handle on structural and systemic racism in academia and science. “For me also there is an importance to help people be able to come to work as their full selves and realizing the stresses that come with 2020, this abnormal year,” Davis said. He also explained that COLSA launched their first photo contest on Oct. 9 to encourage community building and positivity.

He said, “COLSA has demonstrated a commitment to positive change around diversity, inclusivity, and equity. I firmly believe that we must continue to ‘flip’ the approach we’ve taken in the past, so anti-racist values are not a performative reaction but rather baked into the core of why we exist. We must treat each other better, we must support each other more, and we must find a way to enable those whose voices have been suppressed to be heard, loudly and clearly. COLSA has the Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity (DivInE) committee, with whom I will work closely to craft actions needed to achieve positive change in our community. A key early step will be to build on a series of learning exchanges on race and equity that take place next week within the college.”

Davis grew up in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada and completed his undergraduate studies at the University of New Brunswick and his masters and PhD at Purdue. He then traveled to Oregon State University (OSU) in 2016 to meet the then Dean of the College of Forestry Thomas Maness. Once he met him he said to himself, “I think I need to work for that guy.” So he moved there and began to work with him, but Maness became sick shortly after he started working with him so Davis took over much of his work and was eventually made the interim dean of the College of

Forestry there.

Davis spent four years at OSU, and was at the University of Idaho before that as the Tom Alberg and Judi Beck Chair in Natural Resources. There he ran a program that focused on native plant regeneration, with a lot of work in Lebanon and Jordan in the middle east and a longstanding program in Haiti, as well as Idaho.

After Davis’ colleague suggested it would be a great fit for him, he decided to work for UNH. He realized that the position at UNH aligned perfectly with what interested him and mattered most to him so together with his family he moved across the country to N.H.

Davis said, “We’ve really enjoyed our transition to New Hampshire. Having grown up on the East Coast, the sights, sounds, and smells remind me of my childhood. I will say that it’s been a crazy time to move and difficult to see the wildfires raging across the west from so far away.”

“I consider the world to be at the intersection of a climate crisis and a sustainability crisis. This manifests through wildfires, through economic disparity, through food insecurity, through drought and more,” Davis said. “The people and programs at UNH, and especially within COLSA, are committed to tackling these issues and using science to empower positive change. At the core, this made the opportunity to join UNH seem like exactly the right fit at this time.”

When Davis worked at OSU, together with his colleagues he developed a scholarship program built on a model of discounted non-resident tuition for certain degree programs that had capacity for growth. Davis said, “We first determined that even though the degree programs were currently under enrolled, there was demand for the degrees. We also looked at why students choose to attend or not attend a specific program, or even university, which yielded a mix of data that supported the idea that program-specific scholarships are a very good way to grow enrollment. While COVID has interrupted some of the continuity of data at OSU, by most recent counts the program has been successful.”

The dean additionally helped to secure an additional \$1 million to support wildfire activity in Oregon. He said that “a key role of a college dean is to advocate for needs around teaching, research, and outreach. In Oregon and across the western U.S., many needs exist in the area of wildfire science. With the interaction between past land management practices and a hotter and drier climate, as well as continued expansion of homes into forested areas, we will continue to see dangerous and costly fires burn in great quantities for years to come.” He continued

on, “the new program is a first step toward engaging people across the state in activities aimed at mitigating the effects of wildfire and some of the risks associated with them.”

Regarding the current wildfires in Oregon and the West Coast he said, “there are so many things to consider regarding the 2020 wildfire season. While steps have been taken over the past couple of years to adjust how fire funding works at the federal level, there remain tremendous gaps between the current landscape condition and a future that might result in decreased fire and smoke.”

Davis continued, “We are absolutely not giving climate change the concern it needs. We see warning signs – such as a drought across our forests and farms, rivers and lakes – but collectively we don’t know how to react. We have ocean warming – the gulf of Maine is sadly a living laboratory, and we’ve seen the smoke from western wildfires across our skies. Not to mention that wildfires are not just things that happen in California, Oregon, Washington, or Australia, or Brazil – think about Tennessee in 2016, or look back over the past hundred years up and down the east coast and you will see so many regional “great fires.” And, having grown up in New Brunswick, as a student I learned about the Great Miramichi Fire – which burned millions of acres in the 1820s.”

He continued, “The economic and ecological impact of failing to meaningfully address the drivers of climate change will dwarf that of the COVID-19 pandemic. We need to get serious and listen to the scientists. And maybe, just maybe, we will get fortunate because the students, staff, and faculty at UNH have the intellectual horsepower and personal drive to step up in this space and be a bridge into every agency and community that is willing to come to the table and help create pathways that conserve ecosystems and sustain economies.”

On what he is most excited about working at UNH, he said that “the commitment that students, staff, faculty, and alumni have towards human and ecosystem health and sustainability is inspiring. Working to further integrate these topics into our curriculum, research, and outreach and helping position graduates to drive positive change across livelihoods and landscapes of New Hampshire and beyond is profoundly exciting for me.”

Davis additionally discussed some changes in his role as the dean of COLSA during the pandemic. He said, “as the dean, the pandemic has meant that I now have to balance short- and long-term impacts on student success, research, and organizational operations with an absolute commitment to the physical and mental

health of our whole community, which means working even more closely with partners to identify best practices under the most challenging circumstances. This new layer of complexity is added to all the normal duties that come with leading a college.”

He explained that understanding how important graduates, research, scholarship, and external partnerships are to the long-term health of the region means that COLSA has to identify how to keep teaching and learning and keep discovering and communicating. “As the dean, the pandemic has meant that I now have to balance short- and long-term impacts on student success, research, and organizational operations with an absolute commitment to the physical and mental health of our whole community, which means working even more closely with partners to identify best practices under the most challenging circumstances.” He explained that these new duties he has added to all the normal duties that come with leading a college. On the topic of future plans to improve COLSA and the classes in it, he said, “I look forward to working with our department chairs, faculty, staff, and students to identify what we can do, both in person or remotely, in support of our learning outcomes.”

Sustainability principles are already integrated into many of COLSA’s majors and minors, Davis said, “As a society, we must better understand sustainability and the life cycle of the materials we choose. We must understand the climate impacts

of our decisions. We must find ways to curb our consumption of fossil fuels, protect our natural systems, and embrace practices that improve the health of our most vulnerable people first.” He also emphasized the need for more education on the current climate crisis so that people know what is happening to the world and also how many of these negative effects of climate change are hurting poorer communities the most right now.

Davis continued, “Across COLSA, we already see so much leading activity in areas that build our understanding of climate change impacts, and thus enable us to look at mitigation strategies, while also addressing vital issues such as equitable access to food, innovative practices in human and animal health, and more.”

Davis also spoke of his excitement about UNH’s new ranking as a “top 10 cool school in the Sierra Club” for sustainability efforts. Davis said, “I think it is great to be recognized! With this comes the responsibility to innovate and to use that ranking not just as a point of pride and recognition but as a credential to help our communities adopt more sustainable practices. We need to self-educate in the life cycle of materials and products we use every day – from food containers to cell phones to everything else, and then we need our students to be empowered to take principles of sustainability and incorporate them into their lives and jobs as they leave UNH.”



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# Amy Coney Barrett's road to a Supreme Court nomination



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Before her confirmation to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, Amy Coney Barrett worked as a professor at her alma mater, the University of Notre Dame School of Law, where she began teaching in 2002.

Since her appointment to the court in October of 2017, she has been on double duty as a professor and a federal judge. Recently officially nominated by President Donald Trump, she will be filling the seat vacated by the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg if confirmed.

But who is she, exactly?

Coney Barrett was born on January 28, 1972 in New Orleans, La. After graduating from St. Mary's Dominican High School in 1990, she went on to attend Rhodes College, where she graduated magna cum laude with a degree in

English literature in 1994.

Coney then proceeded to study law at the University of Notre Dame School of Law, where she graduated first in her class in 1997. Coney Barrett also met her husband, Jesse Barrett, while attending the University of Notre Dame. In 1999, the two married, and she officially began going by Coney Barrett.

After obtaining her law degree, Coney Barrett officially began her career in the legal field working as a law clerk for Judge Laurence Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit between 1997 and 1998, and then for Justice Antonin Scalia between 1998 and 1999.

Coney Barrett moved on to work for Baker Botts, a Houston, Texas based law firm after her time working for Scalia. While employed by the firm, Coney Barrett worked on the controversial Bush v. Gore election case on behalf of George W. Bush's team. She stayed with Baker Botts until

2002, when she began teaching at the University of Notre Dame School of Law.

During those fifteen years, alongside being a professor, Coney Barrett started a family and devoted time to her Catholic faith. She has seven children, two of which are adopted, and one of which has Down syndrome. Coney Barrett is also a member of the "tightly knit, interdenominational, charismatic lay-Christian parachurch community People of Praise."

While at Notre Dame, Coney Barrett taught federal courts, statutory interpretation, constitutional law, and civil procedure courses, and earned the "Distinguished Professor of the Year" award three separate times.

Coney Barrett became a favorite among conservatives due to her stances on highly debated topics such as the Affordable Care Act, abortion rights and religion. She identifies herself as an originalist,

meaning that she interprets the Constitution based on the literal letter of the text and the mindsets of the framers. Scalia was a famous example of an originalist. Other originalists on the current Supreme Court include Clarence Thomas and Neil Gorsuch.

In May of 2017, President Donald Trump nominated Coney Barrett to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. Four months later in September, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on her nomination.

During the hearing, democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein of California questioned Coney Barrett's stances in a law review article on Catholic judges recusing themselves from cases involving the death penalty, worried that she would let her faith get in the way of her judicial impartiality.

Coney Barrett saw opposition of her confirmation from LGBTQ+ rights organizations, and most Democrats in the

Senate, but she was ultimately confirmed to her position on the 7th Circuit by a Senate vote of 55-43 on Oct. 31, 2017.

President Trump has reportedly had Coney Barrett on his short list of potential Supreme Court nominees since 2017, and even considered her to replace Justice Anthony Kennedy after he retired. However, with Brett Kavanaugh replacing Kennedy instead, Coney Barrett became the number one contender if another seat were to open.

Now that Ginsburg's seat is open, Coney Barrett has officially been nominated to the Supreme Court. Republicans have pushed to get her confirmed and on the bench as soon as possible. Democrats are opposing this action, pointing toward the Republicans' own tactics of refusing to consider Merrick Garland in 2016, due to it being an election year.



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# Health and Wellness hosts virtual Sextober events

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Health & Wellness's month of Sextober is being held virtually this academic year. Sextober is a series of month-long events hosted by the University of New Hampshire's (UNH) Health & Wellness in October. The month offers a variety of activities covering a wide range of topics regarding sexual wellbeing for students. During the month, the idea of sexual positivity is spread across campus and the free events are open to all identities and genders.

Health & Wellness took Sextober over in the fall of 2017. Prior to that, the President's Commission on the Status of Women had started the month of events back in 2014. The President's Commission on the Status of Women saw the need at UNH to talk about sexual wellbeing, but saw this need fit best under the Health & Wellness department. Health & Wellness took on this task in cooperation with the Women's Commission and later took on the full responsibility. Now, going into its sixth year, Sextober is run and planned by Dawn Zitney,

who has worked at UNH for 16 years and currently holds the title of Wellness Educator/Counselor. During planning she has two interns helping her; this year she has two female seniors, Isabella Houley and Kate Amaral. Together the three women worked to plan the month of festivities and education alongside some other UNH departments.

"In a time where the CDC and WHO recommend severely limiting your interaction with close contacts, especially with individuals who you do not live with, Health & Wellness is trying to find a good balance of maintaining sexual positivity on campus for Sextober while still keeping cases low on campus," said Houley. "Many of the in-person events from years prior have been changed to online only, or socially distanced outdoor events for some of the more interactive sessions."

Planning for Sextober typically begins in September. Houley said that most of the planning happens with Zitney, Zitney's other intern, Amaral, and herself; however, approval and contribution from other Health & Wellness workers is necessary for the series of events they have planned



Photo courtesy of Dawn Zitney

to run smoothly. They also team-up with other departments across campus to expand the activities and knowledge that can be shared with students.

"The process starts by using previous years as templates with

the addition of new information and alteration of certain resources if they were not as successful," said Houley. "This year due to COVID-19, much more brainstorming, innovation, and collaboration had to occur to plan

a Sextober that fit UNH's other pandemic messaging."

While Sextober will not be as robust as it has been in the past, Health & Wellness is connecting with students virtually to make Sextober possible during a global pandemic. Each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. the department will be hosting an Instagram Live from their account, @unhealth. There will be other virtual events throughout the month that can be found on their full calendar on the Health & Wellness website. All events are free, but some do require registration.

"I love Sextober," said Zitney. "I love that we front load a whole event at the beginning of the semester all about sex, but what I want to make sure we do is that we don't just talk about sex in October, that we continue talking about sex every single month. Every opportunity we get and that the conversations sparked by Sextober, go beyond the work that Health & Wellness does and that everyone on campus gets comfortable talking about sex. It is not just a health issue; we could look into how sex intersects with so many other areas of our wellbeing."



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# Dairy Bar closes following COVID-19 case

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The Dairy Bar at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) stayed open for the summer and first few weeks of the semester during this pandemic, but closed its doors effective Monday, Sept. 28 according to the UNH dining website.

The shift supervisor of the

Dairy Bar tested positive for COVID-19 on Thursday, Sept. 24. Due to the new protocols on campus, the Dairy Bar had to shut down immediately when results were received, and all workers were to complete a 14-day quarantine.

Student supervisor at the Dairy Bar, Donatella DiPietrantonio, is now home during her quarantine where she has to be isolated from her family and friends. "I went into work and there were

only students working, there was no adults and I started asking my coworkers what was going on?" DiPietrantonio said. "Then one of the other workers told me our head supervisor has coronavirus. Nobody thought we were going to have to quarantine until Health & Wellness called all of us that night saying we have to do a 14-day quarantine." Employees had to quarantine immediately by either going home or residing in the quarantine dorms on campus.

Their quarantine was expected to be in place immediately following whenever an employee last saw the head supervisor in question.

Kate Boyle, general manager of retail dining at UNH, said, "The Dairy Bar closed effective September 28th due to operational challenges related to accommodation of staff and customers as the cooler weather approaches and impacts the outdoor-only sales required for COVID adaptation. Throughout Hospitality Ser-

vices we continue our diligence in following all CDC and DHHS guidelines with our staff including the use of PPE, frequent handwashing, physical distancing, and temperature checks at the start of each shift. We look forward to re-opening the Dairy Bar when the weather and circumstances permit it."

UNH is taking necessary precautions to keep students and staff safe. There is no word on when the Dairy Bar will reopen.

# Rise + grind coffee bar to open in Durham

By Evan Edmonds  
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Durham restaurant Hop + grind has announced the opening of a sister location and coffee bar, Rise + grind, sometime in the spring semester.

On the corner of Madbury Road, across from Madbury Commons, Rise + grind is set to be Durham's latest coffee hotspot in place of the recently closed Saxby's. There is no set date as they want to ensure the quality of the location, its products, and environment are all perfect. Their goal is to open by the start of next semester, according to the general manager of Hop + grind and now Rise + grind Dayna DiCola. The Hop + grind team plans on keeping a similar retro style for their new "coffee bar," with the hopes of having an atmosphere that can accommodate both the students of University of New Hampshire (UNH) and locals of Durham.

DiCola said they wanted to leave the location as a coffee spot because of how "multifaceted" the coffee industry is, but put their own twist on it. Like Hop + grind, the goal for them is to ensure customers can have a unique experience, but instead of the variety of handcrafted and wild burgers that they have to offer, customers can have access to a new food setting with even more possibilities.

Chef Bobby Marcotte,



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owner and executive chef of two Hop + grind locations, and executive chef of Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery in Raymond, New Hampshire, and now owner of Rise + grind, is "always looking to innovate and revolutionize with his culinary creations," DiCola said. The coffee shop will allow the team to apply new concepts to the options available at Rise + grind.

The menu has not yet been confirmed, but Marcotte is reportedly in the process of developing ideas for it. DiCola said they plan on having more food options than

the average coffee shop. On the new Rise + grind Instagram page, there are three food emojis included in the announcement post - coffee, a donut, and a taco - so the possibilities for Rise + grind could be endless.

For the coffee, DiCola said they are still in the process of finding the "perfect coffee[s]" for Rise + grind, as well as finding a local roaster to partner with. Once that is settled, DiCola said they intend to do their own experimenting with coffee blends to bring their own Hop + grind style twists on coffee to Durham.

Rise + grind will also have adult drinks in addition to coffee and other beverages, DiCola said.

Across the board, Marcotte's restaurants all have the same goal and principle: a focus on the experience. The intent for Rise + grind is the same as any of those locations, providing a unique experience with quality food, coffee and service.

"We want everyone who walks through the doors at all of our locations to have an eccentric experience they cannot get anywhere else. After all, a coffee shop is more than just sit-

ting down and grabbing a cup of coffee. The experience and the vibes are what people look for!" DiCola said.

The Rise + grind team is currently looking for people to join them in preparation for the spring semester. They hire based on "personality and passion," DiCola said, and there is no prior experience required. Those interested in "grindin'" can access the application form on the Rise + grind Instagram page.



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## A socially distanced Q & A with new RedBull athlete Hunter Henderson

By Jack Bouchard  
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WRITER

### How has your life changed so far from going pro for RedBull?

Walking around in public, going out to dinner, just being out and having the logo on my head is crazy. The logo is a symbol for a lot of people in the industry and it's a good feeling to have it as part of my everyday wear.

### 10 years ago, could you ever see yourself making it this far in skiing?

10 years ago, I was 7 and just starting out in freestyle skiing, so at that time I defi-

nately had idols that I looked up to and really wanted to be a competitive skier but at the same time I had no idea what any of that meant. I was just having fun, being a little kid, going fast going off big jumps and messing around with my friends. Yes, it's been an aspiration of mine for a long time.

### What do you hope to do with your career as a professional skier?

I definitely want to keep competing for as long as I can and hopefully have a bunch of success in competition. Another desire of mine is to also get into filming, photoshoots, and a lot of big mountain skiing. I've always been into the big mountain cliff drops/powder skiing

and I definitely want to move into that later in my career once I'm over the competition. I would like to keep competing for as long as possible.

### What is your favorite spot in Durham?

Probably Hop + grind or the Juicery.

### What's the earliest story from skiing that you recall?

So I actually laughed at this one when I read it. My family and I used to have a house at Sunday River and when I was just getting started before I was focused on freestyle skiing, I was in the kids camp little kids program. I guess you just go out with an instructor and group kids your age. We were skiing down this trail at

Sunday River that had a bunch of jumps off to the side and big cliffs. These cliff drops and jumps off to the side seemed big at that age but they weren't actually that big. I remember my instructor saying specifically to me and I think this other kid "Don't go off the cliff's drops, don't go off them, don't go off them." So we were going down that run slowly to stay behind him so that he wouldn't see us go up and over them. The instructor probably got really suspicious because me and that other kid were always way ahead of everybody going really fast. Then we went off the cliff drops and he came down and got super mad at us. That was probably when

I was like 5 or 6 years old, then he told my parents at the end of the day and my parents were just like, "So what did he do wrong?" "So why are you mad at him again?"

### What's your greatest memory from skiing ever?

This one I thought about a little bit and I think that would have to be this year I qualified for the youth Olympics in Switzerland, which overall, that experience all together was probably one of the coolest things that I've ever done. To get third place in the slopestyle event at that competition was one of my greatest memories from skiing.



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## Durham drought: water level lowest five-plus years

**John Terra**  
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Steady rain over the past week and a half has brought the town of Durham's water restriction down from Stage 2, which was instated two weeks ago.

Stage 2 water restriction constricts the amount of water one can use outside. Some of the restrictions

include bans on filling swimming pools, including UNH's outdoor pool, and washing vehicles.

The town of Durham and UNH have a joint water system, meaning that a restriction on the town's water supply affects students on campus as well as community members.

"The Stage 2 was actually declared at a good time, relatively speaking," James Dombrosk, direc-

tor of energy and utilities, said. "Not many people will be using the outdoor pool due to the cooler weather, so it was a good time to begin to close that down."

Durham's water emergency response plan has five levels, ranging from Normal to Stage 4.

Public Works director Mike Lynch said that the town levels are usually a little lower around this

time of the year, which includes both the end of summer and the return of students to the town.

Dombrosk said that officials from both Durham and UNH are discussing the possibility of dropping the water restriction down to Stage 1, or even back to Normal.

"We still need people to be aware of the amount of water that they use," Dombrosk said. "There are some conservation methods in place, but these alone won't do all the work necessary."

Some of these conservation methods include a well next to the athletic fields to help keep the fields watered, as well as the installation of low flow toilets and waterless urinals in some bathrooms around campus.

Dombrosk said that the situation will improve in time, since every fall some of the water from the lakes nearby gets drawn into the

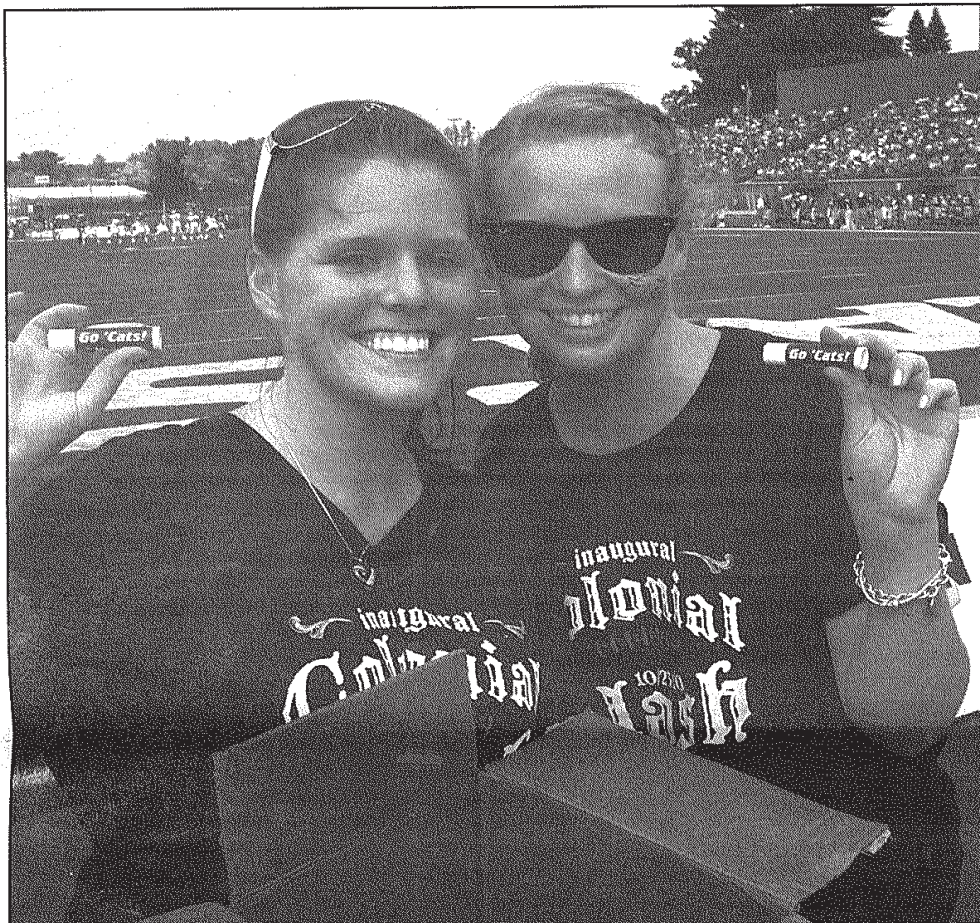
rivers to keep the lakes low for the increase in precipitation that typically occurs in fall and freezing in the winter.

Wesley East, chief operator of water utilities, said that this was the first time in almost 10 years that the town and campus faced a Stage 2 restriction.

"Back in around 2001 to 2002, we were a little more susceptible to droughts, and that is the last time I can remember the restriction being at this level," East said.

East said that one reason for the Stage 2 is due to work being done to the Lamprey Reservoir, which is limiting some of the water availability for the town.

Lynch said that he was confident that Stage 2 wouldn't need to be implemented for very long. Usually the change of seasons brings more precipitation due to a change in temperature, Lynch said.



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#### Fed-up girlfriend calls 911 on pot-smoking beau

LEBANON, Mo. - A 35-year-old man was charged in Missouri with possessing marijuana after his girlfriend called 911 and said she was tired of him smoking pot all day instead of working. Dispatchers in the southwestern Missouri town of Lebanon got a 911 hang-up call Saturday night from a motel room. Police said officers went to the motel and were told by the woman that

her boyfriend did nothing during the day but smoke marijuana.

The Lebanon Daily Record reported that the man told police his girlfriend was angry because he didn't have a job yet. He then admitted having marijuana in his car, and handed over a pipe containing the illegal drug.

He was issued a summons for possession and released.

#### Calif. county restricts sex offenders on Halloween

VISALIA, Calif. - A California county has passed a law barring people convicted of sex crimes against children from decorating their homes and handing out candy to kids on Halloween.

The Porterville Recorder reports that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 Tuesday in favor of the new ordinance despite objections it could violate state law and the U.S. Constitution.

Supervisors say the law will keep children safe while trick or treating.

But Public Defender Michael Sheltzer says there is no evidence that children are more vulnerable to sex offenders on Halloween.

He says the new regulations are legally questionable under the state's Jessica's Law and also restrict the rights of sex offenders under the First Amendment.

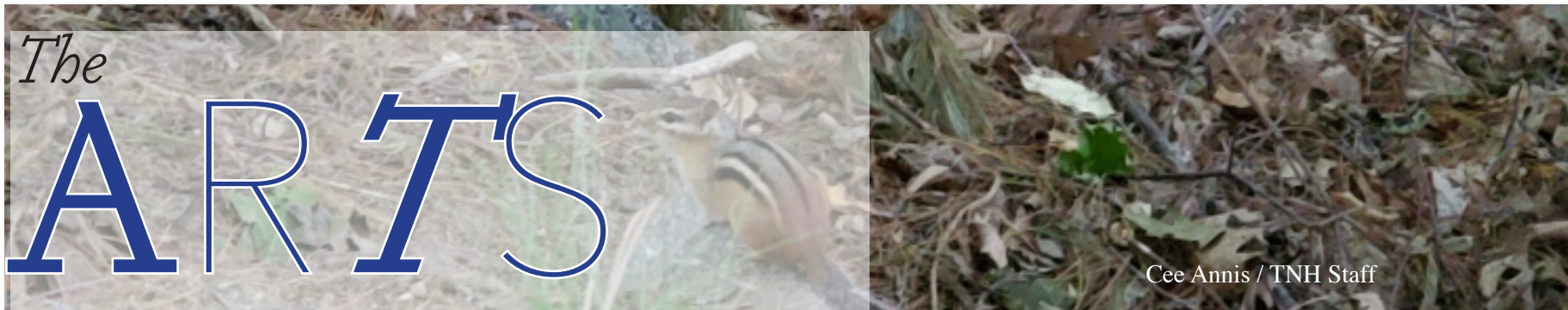
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## New England legends haunt Durham Public Library

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Emmy-nominated paranormal investigator Jeff Belanger paid a virtual visit to Durham Public Library to share his stories about the unexplained in New England. Over the course of an hour he recounted several ghost stories local to the Northeast.

To Belanger, telling ghost stories is more than just creeping out his audience. “We’re talking about the biggest questions humans have ever asked since we crawled out of the ocean,” said Belanger. “When you talk about ghosts and hauntings what you’re really asking is, what happens after we die?”

According to Belanger, the stories we pass down hold innate meaning. “It’s almost like a sermon from our past selves to our present selves because we still haven’t reckoned with something,” said Belanger.

Skeptics of his work claim that he asks his listeners to put too much faith in too little

evidence. Belanger’s response? Discourse over the reality of paranormal stories misses the point of why they’re re-told. He said, “We can get into these deeply spiritual and very big topics without getting into the dogmas that totally divide us.” According to Belanger, these legends cannot be disputed as stories that we continue to pass down because of their meaning and lessons. He is happy to make a career passing these tales along.

“It was not a plan,” he said, in reference to his career as a storyteller. He said, “I love history, I love interviewing people, and I loved these stories that just sort of linger and hang around because I feel like it gives us a lot of insight into a community, into ourselves.”

While attending Hofstra University studying journalism, he became accustomed to spending the fall months tracking down Halloween features for a magazine. In 1999, he made a website and started to gather people’s stories. “It was just one of those things where one day you wake up and

you’re like, ‘oh my god this is my full time job,’” Belanger said. “Like who would believe that?”

After working on numerous TV shows, films and books, he now spends his time doing live shows across New England while producing a podcast. For him, Halloween is peak season. “It’s become the second biggest consumer holiday behind Christmas,” Belanger said. He plans on having gigs booked through November.

The pandemic didn’t stop Belanger’s business, it only forced things to change. Now that physical venues are closed, he presents almost entirely over Zoom. Belanger said, “Usually I’ll do 30-40 in person, and now it’s like 60 [people over] zoom.”

This new medium comes with its own set of drawbacks. Belanger said, “I love telling stories in front of people. And when you’re a storyteller you get so much from the audience, you get to feel their energy.” Zoom calls simply lack that element. Belanger adapted in his own way. “I just pretend



everyone loves it,” he said. While lacking in personal feedback, he finds Zoom calls reach a larger audience. He even has a small following of people who show up to chat at every gig. “I’m reaching a lot more people through Zoom and I’m in their homes, which is very intimate,” he said.

Durham Public Library, which hosted Belanger, went through a similar transition to Zoom. All their presenters are now online in addition to a significant portion of their circulation. They have published online resources to help their patrons sort through the information and resources they provide.

## Five things you won’t take for granted at UNH after the pandemic

By Allison Musitano  
STAFF WRITER

Fall has arrived. The once green leaves around campus are now bursting with color, hot and humid days are becoming rarer and rarer as the air carries the chill of autumn. Already six weeks into school, and I am surprised at how fast time is moving, even with 2020 being the year of lost time. What a year. Not a good year, but it sure has been a year! As we precariously continue school on campus, celebrating each day here and each negative test result as a victory, I have learned to savor each mask-clad and socially distanced moment. To quote RENT, “There’s no day but today” - tomorrow is not guaranteed, so while we’re still on campus we may as well make the most of it.

Though I am grateful that we are still able to be on campus, it is bizarre seeing my home-away-from-home changed so much. I cannot help but think back on my four years here and long for the quite literal simpler times. So in an attempt to impart some college-student wisdom on some of the underclassmen reading this, or heck, even the juniors, here are five things that

you won’t take for granted at UNH after coronavirus (COVID-19).

### 1. Sporting Events

I have a confession: I have not gone to a single sporting event at UNH. Wild E. Cat would be disappointed in me and who knows what Gnarlz would think of my Wildcat Pride. Living in the Minis, I would always hear the roar of the crowd echo through the valley on fall weekends. But it was always one thing or another:

“I don’t feel like going tonight.”

“Maybe I’ll go to the next game”

“Next year I’ll go to at least one game.”

Famous last words. Turns out you can’t plan a senior-year to-do list a year in advance. I don’t think I would have ever become a football fanatic, or gone to every hockey and basketball game, but I do wish I went to at least one game and got to join the crowd of Wildcats cheering for the team, our home team. Maybe I would have even bought a foam finger or painted my face blue and white. Sports will return - when that will happen is still anyone’s guess, but if you have the chance, you should take it, even if sports aren’t really your



Allison Musitano / TNH Staff

thing. It’s a free night of entertainment and infectious school spirit. Okay, maybe infectious isn’t the word to use right now, but you get the picture. Join in the fun.

### 2. Dining Hall Shenanigans

Oh, the dining hall. Food criticisms aside, it is bizarre to see the dining hall divided into plastic cubes that are barely used. To quote a memorable cartoon fish, there are three important things to any eatery: “Food. Water. Atmosphere!” And with that, the atmosphere of the dining halls has changed dramatically.

Learn to embrace the chaos

in normal times. Embrace the fact that at least one television in Philbrook is always playing Star Trek marathons. Or the herds of dude-bro laughter echoing through the room. The accidentally dropped cups and plates, absolute showstoppers. The table in Hoco that never lights up. The horrible, horrible lines on Italian Night where you’d think no one ever had pasta alfredo before. They all may seem like little annoyances, but they fill the dining halls with life and with character.

### 3. Campus Events

Being picky about going to events on campus seems like

a luxury of the past. To think there was a time when there would be live plays, comedians, free movies, and a handful of other events on any given weekend, only for you to decide to stay in for the weekend. Now even a trip to Walmart feels decadent.

It is a relief that the theatre organizations around campus and other groups are still having events in one form

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or another, but as I can imagine that, like sports, there was certain electricity with a live crowd. Bursting with laughter with strangers around you, eyes wide in shock and suspense, excitement bubbling in you as the lights are dimmed and the show begins.

Netflix and Dominos can wait - you're only here for so long, so sit down and enjoy the show. Or the comedian. Or the - you get it.

**4. May Day**

May Day: One of UNH's underrated gems. It is the type of event that makes you feel at home at UNH. A small annual

carnival with rides and stands in Parking Lot B, it had a wonderful charm to it and was one of the nicest ways to end the school year. Its inevitable cancellation in the spring was one of the hardest parts about being sent home. With this little celebration you know that summer was coming, that another year of hard work was coming to a close. To think that it may very well not happen again this year is heartbreaking.

If you have the chance to go, go. It may not be Six Flags or Canobie Lake, but it doesn't need to be. It's just May Day, plain and simple, and a part of UNH.

**5. Hall Socials**

One of these things is not

like the other. Like with some events on campus, we are fortunate enough to have hall socials still. And I have to say, the RAs around campus have been making them work. But that does not mean you should take them for granted.

Maybe it's the months of quarantine, or it being my senior year, but socials feel extra special now. I was active in my dorm community before, but now it feels like people are even closer than before.

It's easy to think of hall events as something for freshmen, but they really are just ways of your community coming together. And hasn't quarantine shown us the importance of communities coming

together?

College happens. Life happens. Pandemics happen. If this has taught us anything, it is that we need to appreciate what we have here. If you told me in my first year of college that a global pandemic would threaten to rock my senior year, I would probably look at you funny but then do more. Go to a hockey game. Try to watch a full episode of Star Trek in Philly. See more comedians. Ride another ride at May Day. And make sure to enjoy the company of my community and friends just a little bit more.

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## “Among us” - A game of murderous jellybeans and heartbreak

By Cee Annis  
ARTS EDITOR

The game has begun and my friend hasn't moved an inch. I stand beside him, waiting for him to return and making sure that no one decides to kill him. It doesn't occur to me that the location we spawned in is low traffic, if I die here and he's not back to witness it, it's likely my killer will get off scot free. Still, I stand guard, hoping that at least when he returns, he'll bear witness to my medical scan that I have ready to prove my innocence. He moves an inch and I start to lead him away from spawn. I pass him and there is no hesitation as he snaps my jellybean's little neck. I sigh heavily into my mic and go about my tasks as a ghost, anything I can do to help the crewmates win and make it just that much harder for my murderer to claim the victory.

If you've been on social media at all this last month, you've probably been in the orbit of some number of memes related to a bunch of multi-color jellybean-like astronauts running around in a spaceship, doing chores and committing murder. That would be the chaotic sleuthing indie game “Among Us” created by

InnerSloth, released in 2018 and given a second life over the summer as more and more YouTubers picked it up to play with their friends.

The premise of the game is simple. You play as an astronaut on a ship with up to nine other players and you are sorted into two roles - imposter or crewmate. You can play with your friends over voice chat through external applications like Discord or you can use the in-game text function, but no matter what, when you are in the game you are not able to communicate with others until certain points of the game.

Crewmates, who are the majority of players, have an assortment of tasks spread across the map that they have to complete while trying to figure out who among them is responsible for all the corpses lying about. The imposter's only task is to kill all of the crewmates, or get the number of crewmates even to the number of living imposters. Imposters have a few additional tools in their belts, such as vents to make a speedy kill or sabotages to disrupt gameplay that might lure players away from unfound bodies or trap them in rooms. Anytime an imposter kills a crewmate, a body is left behind

that can be reported by any player that stumbles upon it and the murdered player gets to continue doing their tasks, this time without pesky physical limitations. When the first body is reported, the real chaos of the game takes place.

The meat of the game involves the discussion and voting periods after either an emergency meeting is called by a player or someone reports a body. This allows the players to regroup and discuss what they have been doing, if they have seen anything suspicious and figure out where people were at the time of the crime. “Among Us” is the perfect social deduction game because it has the mechanics that give both the imposter and crewmate enough to work with to defend themselves or accuse others. An observant player is rewarded with being able to confirm or deny parts of someone's alibi while one who sticks to themselves and doesn't see anyone is punished with being both suspect and ill-informed.

And listen, it's a funny game but it can get emotionally driven, despite your intentions. I'm not a person who gets emotional over multiplayer video games like this. I'm very good at keeping the game

in the game but there is just something about waiting for someone to come watch you do a task that will prove your innocence, only for the single person who stops to watch you do it stab you through the brain with their weirdly sharp tongue because they were the imposter. Another heartbreaking moment is when there are multiple people in a room, usually watching someone scan, and the two imposters kill two innocents while everyone is running around. No one sees the killer and I am left to wait and watch in anguish while they discuss who it was and then ultimately vote to skip throwing someone out of the airlock. And that doesn't even compare to the betrayal when someone you trusted throws you under the bus and accuses you out of nowhere, no matter if you are the imposter or a crewmate.

For all the good fun I've had in the 70 hours I've put into it already, there are some things that leave a sour taste in my mouth. The servers were absolutely horrible when I first got the game, though they've slowly been improving them. My friends and I would have to play on international servers to even get into the game, and that would introduce lag that

wouldn't be present otherwise. There're still some weird bugs in place, like when you report a body but get killed at the same time, you are functionally dead despite the report having gone through and can't communicate that you had found a body or where, which is frustrating both to the imposter and the crewmate. It was very funny the first time it happened when a crewmate was trying to push the emergency button after seeing me venting. I lost that round only because how hard I was laughing left little doubt in others mind that I was the one behind the knife.

For \$4.99 on Windows through online game sellers like Steam, “Among Us” is well worth the price for the amount of time you'll put into it. I've found the game fun, even when playing with random people online, and have added some of them to a separate server so I can talk to them even when we get disconnected from the game. If you are more of a mobile gamer, it is free to you, though you will have to buy the outfits and such that come bundled in with the Steam price.



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## Last week in politics: COVID-19, SCOTUS, and the presidential debate

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These past couple weeks in politics have been chaotic. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away after succumbing to pancreatic cancer, the first Presidential debate was a slew of hurling insults and talking over each other, and multiple people within President Donald Trump's circle tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19). All of these things happening so close together put Americans further at the edge of our seats, as we await the outcome of the Nov. 3 election. We constantly have new events thrown in our faces every day, most recently all of the conservative politicians who have contracted COVID-19 including President Trump. With all of these things we're faced with so many questions: who will be the next Supreme Court Justice? How many of these conservative politicians will beat COVID-19? When will finalized election results actually come in?

With Trump's nomination of a Supreme Court Justice, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, he has received backlash from Democrats as well as politicians within his own party. The day after Ginsburg passed away, her granddaughter Clare Spera made a statement addressing her grandmother's dying wish was to wait until the next president is elected to fill her spot on the bench. Trump, however, did not seem to take this into consideration as he stated he would name his pick once Ginsburg's

casket had been lying in state for two days and was on its way to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery. On Sept. 26, Trump officially announced Barrett as his nomination after naming some of his potential picks, including Sens. Ted Cruz (R-TX), Tom Cotton (R-AR) and Josh Hawley (R-MO).

Trump's behavior in this decision is dissimilar to Republicans in 2016, after Justice Antonin Scalia passed away in Feb. 2016 far before the election. President Barack Obama named lawyer Merrick Garland to replace Scalia a month later, but Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said that the nomination should wait until after the election so Americans could have a say in their next justice. Trump appointed conservative Justice Neil Gorsuch to fill the spot, and later appointed controversial candidate Brett Kavanaugh after Justice Anthony Kennedy retired. Republican Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Susan Collins (R-ME) have voiced that they do not support the replacement of Justice Ginsburg until after this election, keeping with the idea that the American people should have a say in who is nominated.

However, these Supreme Court decisions and Coney Barrett's Senate hearings have been halted and may not be able to happen until after Election Day due to the spread of COVID-19 among Republican politicians and Trump's staff. Those who are positive for COVID-19 include: President Trump, First Lady Melania Trump, Senior Adviser

Hope Hicks, Republican National Convention Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel, Senator Mike Lee (R-UT), Thom Tillis (R-NC), former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie (R-NJ), Assistant Press Secretaries Chad Gilmartin and Karoline Leavitt, Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany, President of the University of Notre Dame John Jenkins, Pastor Greg Laurie, and White House Correspondent Michael Shear, and Senior Adviser Stephen Miller, among others.

President Trump spent three days in Walter Reed Medical Center and checked out Monday night, and began to spread misinformation about the virus on his Twitter. He first told supporters, "Don't let it dominate you. Don't be afraid of it. You're going to beat it." He later went on to tell supporters that COVID-19 is nothing to worry about and compared it to the common flu, saying Americans "have learned to live with it, just like we are learning to live with COVID," which was taken down by Twitter for violating their guidelines for "spreading misleading and potentially harmful information related to COVID-19."

Trump's diagnosis of COVID-19 is seen by many Democrats and leftists alike as being science and karma coming together to bite back at him for downplaying the virus for months. Ironically, he was also diagnosed just a couple of days after the first presidential debate against former Vice President Joe Biden in which he criticized Biden for always wearing masks around others.

During the first debate

Trump attacked Biden, saying, "I don't wear a mask like him, every time you see him, he's got a mask. He could be speaking 200 feet away from him and he shows up with the biggest mask I've ever seen." When news of his positive test came, many saw this as what should be Trump's wake up call to wear masks adamantly, and to take the virus seriously. Trump's misinforming tweets and refusal to wear masks is not a surprise, as he has told supporters not to listen to Democrats in regards to wearing masks, and even pulled out of the World Health Organization after accusing the organization of aiding China's cover up of the virus' origins.

Besides the fact that Trump condemned Biden for wearing masks everywhere, the debate was also filled with constant interruptions, name calling, and moderator Chris Wallace having to give Biden back time that Trump had interrupted. Both Trump and Biden had agreed upon giving each other two uninterrupted minutes to answer questions, which they did not abide by whatsoever. The BBC counted how many times Trump interrupted Biden's answers, coming to 73 different interruptions in the 90 minute debate. One of the most shocking takeaways from the debate, however, was when Trump dodged Wallace's question about whether he would condemn white supremacy right then and there. When he said, "Name a group," Biden twice called out "Proud Boys" to which Trump said, "Proud Boys, stand back and stand by. But I'll tell you what... somebody's got

to do something about antifa [anti-fascist activists] and the left because this is not a right-wing problem." This did not shock many, as Trump deemed the far-right extremists in the 2017 Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville, Virginia to be "very fine people." Groups participating in the rally included the Proud Boys, Klansmen, neo-Nazis, white supremacists, fascists, and white nationalists.

After Trump's statement directed to the Proud Boys at the debate, members of the Proud Boys said this remark was "historic" and deemed it as an endorsement by the President. During the debate, Trump also urged his supporters to patrol polling places on Election Day, most likely as a means to intimidate Democrats who plan on casting their ballots in person. This comes after Trump claimed that mail-in ballots will be "a disaster" and has come up with another conspiracy theory about how mail-in ballots will be a "left-wing hoax to rig the election," which is simply not true.

Given all of this uncertainty about which direction the country is headed in, and when we will actually have a clear idea of who our next president will be, everything is up in the air. Many have said that rather than having just one Election Day and knowing the next President the night of Nov. 3, it may turn into an "Election Month" due to the increase in mail-in ballots.

## Newsroom Poll

*What would you write on a custom t-shirt?*

Katie - "I <3 Kamala Harris"

Hannah - "Please walk faster, I have somewhere to be"

Julia - "Birds aren't real - wake up sheeple"

Anna Kate - "Mr. Vice President, I'm still speaking"

Ciarra - "Danger! Hyperfixating on my own OC's"

Josh - "I'm curvy & I like it"



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

## Practice what you preach

This past week, a white, male UNH associate professor was accused of impersonating a Woman of Color (WOC) on Twitter.

With this situation developing, we at *The New Hampshire* pursued the story and published a story explaining the circumstances of that situation.

Within this story, we made an ethical decision to publish the story including the accused professor's name. This was both a difficult, but necessary decision for a variety of reasons.

In a public google document surfacing around Twitter, various offensive tweets from the account in question (The Science Femme) were displayed. Along with them were a series of tweets that implicated the associate professor that we named.

On top of the tweets in the document, an email from Chemistry Department Chair Glen Miller was included. In this email, he confirmed the identity of the professor running the account and said that he didn't support the statements made by the professor. Despite this, he still expressed his personal support for the individual in question.

UNH's recent diversity initiative has made these allegations increasingly more important.

The death of George Floyd and the lack of justice for Breonna Taylor has led to pushback from students, faculty and staff at UNH for a more inclusive and diverse academic and social community.

[For these reasons, we made a calculated ethical decision to include the associate professor's name with the allegations.]

To show that they valued the opinion of their community members, UNH reached out to all of their departments and tried to come up with individual plans to increase inclusivity throughout the whole campus. Also, the university has hosted town halls focusing on diversity and inclusion with the goal of spreading awareness.

Also, when speaking to The New Hampshire, the new College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA) dean, Anthony Davis, recently expressed his goal to increase diversity and minimize racism within his department. It seemed as though he was hired with this thought process stressed to him by the university.

That is why "The Science Femme" account situation is so troubling. UNH seems to be making an effort to correct their issues, but continued pushback from people within the university will be the death of the move-

ment.

It takes everyone to accomplish a goal of this magnitude. The whole is only as strong as its weakest link. In this case, the owner of this Twitter account is that weak link.

What rivals the grotesqueness of the situation is the timing. This account was active just months before a very pivotal election.

As a "WOC", many other people that have similar identities could potentially rethink their stance on important political issues due to what accounts like this say. "The Science Femme" stated that UNH's "woke" statements about diversity are "a toxic ideology that cannot be given an inch."

So much attention has been put towards Russia's potential collusion with the 2016 election, and it is disturbing to hear the internal cases of imposters trying to impose their political will onto other, under-educated individuals.

It's frauds and masqueraders like the owner of this account that shouldn't be "given an inch."

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# A look ahead into the possibilities of the Bruins offseason

By Shaun Petipas  
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For weeks now there have been rumors swirling around the Boston Bruins and what they could be doing this offseason after getting bounced in the playoffs by the Stanley Cup Champion Tampa Bay Lightning. With just over \$15 million in cap space available there is a laundry list of things the B's could do with free agency opening on Friday and the draft kicking off Tuesday night.

The Bruins entered the first round of the 2020 NHL Draft without a first-round pick and some thought they may trade back up into the first round, but General Manager Don Sweeney never did and left the Bruins as spectators throughout the first round. The Bruins gave up their first-round selection in a trade with the Anaheim Ducks earlier in the year to acquire Ondrej Kase in exchange for David Backes.

The Bruins first pick in this year's draft was 58th overall. They have hit on some third rounders in recent years, players like Brad Marchand and Matt Grzelcyk have been great additions from that middle round. They went off the board at No. 58 and selected Mason Lohrei from the USHL

who was ranked by NHL central scouting as the No. 123 prospect in the draft.

However, it's not so much the draft that everyone had eyes on for the Bruins because they have some interesting moves to be made with unrestricted free agent Torey Krug and restricted free agent Jake Debrusk. The B's reportedly offered Krug a contract of \$6.5 million per year over six years according to TSN's Frank Servalli. That would add up to about \$39 million in total and it is a pretty hefty pay-day for the undersized defenseman, but he is looking for something bigger than that on the open market.

The 29-year-old has been one of the best offensive defensemen since he entered the league scoring 212 points in just 282 games. He is about to enter free agency on Friday and is going to be the second-most sought after defenseman behind Alex Pietrangolo who the Bruins became familiar with in the 2019 Stanley Cup Finals with the St. Louis Blues.

So, with Krug seemingly leaving that opens the door for the Bruins to possibly make a move for a forward who can score and help the second line. They could also make a move for a more well-rounded defenseman like Oliver Ekman-Larsson. There have been plenty of rumors

surrounding Ekman-Larsson and the Arizona Coyotes since the trade deadline earlier this year and this is a name that the Bruins have made calls on.

According to Ekman-Larsson's agent Kevin Epp, unless a trade is reached by Friday, he would remain on the Coyotes due to his no movement clause in his contract. Epp had said earlier in the week that the only places he would accept a trade to would be Boston or the Vancouver Canucks, but with the draft coming and going it is looking less likely that the Bruins will make a deal for the 29-year-old.

The Arizona captain has seven years left on a deal worth \$8.25 million per year, which is right around what Krug will receive on the market, but Ekman-Larsson's deal will increase to \$10.5 million in three years. The sixth overall pick in 2009 doesn't run the powerplay quite like Krug would but the 6'2", 200-pound, top pairing defenseman would bring a more well-rounded game and has scored 93 goals over the past six seasons.

Assuming the Bruins don't make a trade with the Coyotes, there's a clear first step for the front office. First, the Bruins must re-sign Grzelcyk and Debrusk if they are



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDY DEVLIN  
Phoenix Coyotes captain Oliver Ekman-Larsson (above)

going to let Krug walk. As of right now the Bruins best shot to bring somebody in looks to be by way of the buyout market.

One name that Bruins fans have drooled over since 2013 is Bobby Ryan. Ryan, 33, was just bought out by the Ottawa Senators with two years left on his contract. Ryan is coming off of career lows but that was in part due to his off-ice issues with alcohol. Ryan has since defeated those demons and claimed the Bill Masterton Trophy this year; the trophy awarded to the player who displays the most perseverance and dedication.

Ryan could bring a game with him that the Bruins have desperately missed, a

hard-nosed style and a guy who isn't afraid to shoot the puck. Ryan hasn't had the best past couple of seasons, but one could also attribute that to the terrible team he's played on. This is an option for the B's as a low-risk high-reward type player who they don't have to tie big money for years to come like they would with other big names like Taylor Hall or Matt Hoffman.

The Bruins should be very active this offseason so be prepared for any kind of move because who know what Sweeney could do next.

# Patriots lose battle to Super Bowl champion Chiefs

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Kansas City, MO. – The New England Patriots took home their second loss of the season, falling 26-10 to the Kansas City Chiefs on Monday Night Football. The Patriots were without star quarterback Cam Newton who tested positive for the coronavirus late Friday. The Patriots stayed close to the Chiefs for most of the game despite not having Newton under center. Unfortunately, several errors by backup quarterback Brian Hoyer cost the Patriots much-needed points. The game was also not without controversy. Several questionable officiating decisions helped sink New England's hopes of an upset road victory.

The biggest blunder by the officials came in the second quarter. The Patriots pass rush broke down the pocket and got to quarterback Patrick Mahomes. The ball was knocked loose by Deatrich Wise Jr. and flew into the hands of Shilique Calhoun. Calhoun began returning the ball for what would have likely been a touchdown when referee Tony Corrente blew the play dead. Corrente ruled Mahomes was in the grasp of the defender and forward progress had stopped

before the fumble. Patriots head coach Bill Belichick was unable to challenge the ruling as forward progress cannot be challenged. With no review, the Chiefs were allowed to punt, and the Patriots lost a golden opportunity to take the lead.

This loss was not all the officials' fault, however. Expectations weren't necessarily sky-high for Hoyer in his first start for the Patriots, but he didn't even come close to reaching them. His early drives were underwhelming with several missed throws ending in punts. Down 6-0 late in the first quarter, Hoyer threw an ugly interception inside the Patriots 25-yard line.

Hoyer was bailed out by the Patriots defense when Stephon Gilmore punched the ball out of Sammy Watkins arms and JC Jackson recovered to start the second quarter. Hoyer managed to get his team into field goal range. Nick Folk drilled one through the uprights to cut the Chief's lead to just three points. That was the last time Hoyer contributed to points on the board.

Hoyer drove the Patriots down the field again near the end of the first half. As time ran down, Belichick used all three timeouts. The Patriots were now in a position to run one more play from the Chiefs 13-yard line

with 10 seconds remaining before the half. With no timeouts, Hoyer needed to either throw for a touchdown or an incompleteness to stop the clock. Patriots fans have grown accustomed to their team being the best in the league when it comes to situational football. Apparently, Hoyer didn't get the memo. Failing to find an open receiver Hoyer spun and retreated. The one thing he could not do was allow himself to be sacked – which he did. Hoyer quickly got to his feet and tried to call a timeout, which the Patriots did not have. Time expired and the Pats remained in a 6-3 deficit.

The quarterback mentioned postgame that offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels told him not to do anything that would waste time ahead of that final play. He understands that he wasn't at his best and the play needs to be cleaned up should he be called upon in the future.

"You never want to get taken out of the game, but coach made the decision," said Hoyer. "I understand just two bad decisions down in the red area cost us points. So, it's frustrating. It's disappointing. I've got to do a better job."

The Patriots received the ball to start the second half. After the teams traded punts, Hoyer appeared to be redeeming

himself. He was putting together several nice throws complimented by the run game and brought the offense down to the Kansas City five-yard line. Hoyer dropped back on third and goal. The Chiefs brought pressure and Taco Charlton strip-sacked Hoyer. Frustratingly, Charlton missed the ball on his first swipe, but Hoyer failed to realize he was in imminent danger of being sacked. Hoyer pumped the ball and kept only one hand on it as Charlton launched a two-handed tackle. Hoyer lost the ball and the Chiefs recovered. Hoyer had now cost the Patriots the chance to tie the game twice. He didn't take another snap.

Patrick Mahomes finally got the Chiefs in the end zone near the end of the third quarter to take a 13-3 lead. When the Patriots offense took the field, it was with third-string quarterback Jarrett Stidham under center. Helped by a 41-yard Damien Harris run and a pass interference call in the end zone, Stidham threw his first NFL touchdown. On third-and-goal Stidham dropped back and found N'Keal Harry for six. There was a glimmer of hope that Stidham could lead the Patriots to an upset against the defending champs.

The officials and Mahomes had other plans, however.

A questionable unnecessary roughness call left Patriots fans once again displeased with the officials. Mahomes did the rest helping the Chiefs find the end zone once again and take a 19-10 lead.

Needing a strong drive from Stidham, New England instead saw a pass go through Julian Edelman's hands and returned for a touchdown by safety Tyrann Mathieu. Down 26-10 the Patriots now needed a miracle, instead they got another Stidham interception to seal the game for the Chiefs.

While the Patriots fell to 2-2 and many plays left a bitter taste in their mouth, it wasn't all bad. Harris rushed for 112 yards and averaged 5.3 a carry in his first career game. The second-year running back out of Alabama was activated off injured reserve to replace the injured Sony Michel and fit right in. James White also looked good in his return to play. The defense also played well, holding a red-hot Chiefs offense to only 19 points.

The Patriots will hope to have Cam Newton back when they face the 1-3 Denver Broncos next Sunday afternoon for a 4:25 kickoff on CBS.

## The long road back to normalcy for UNH head coach Mac

By Cameron Beall  
SPORTS EDITOR

“Tears. There were tears all over the locker room,” Pop Lacey said bluntly.

Lacey is a former captain of the UNH football team and recalled the emotions that he felt when he heard the news that head coach Sean McDonnell (Coach Mac) was going to miss the entirety of Lacey’s senior season due to medical concerns.

“We were hurting deeply. I know this was a guy that some of us looked up to as a father figure, especially some of us being so far away from home,” noted Lacey. “It was just heart-breaking.”

The team finished the 2019 season with a 6-5 record behind the leadership of interim head coach Ricky Santos, a former UNH quarterback. Today, Coach Mac is back in the driver’s seat and Santos is back as the quarterbacks’ coach.

Despite everything that’s gone on in the past year Santos, the players and especially Coach Mac are excited to battle for each other when the season kicks off in the beginning of March.

Coach Mac is one of the most decorated head coaches in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) and has been described as the root of UNH football by sophomore quarterback Max Brosmer. He noted that “there’s a different feeling when he walks into the locker room.”

Lacey went as far to say that Coach Mac is similar to Nick Saban in terms of his importance to a collegiate football program. Saban is the current head coach at the University of Alabama and one of the most highly regarded coaches in the nation.

“He’s a guy who really cares about his players, and he’s the rock of the entire organization,” said Lacey.

The former captain emphasized the importance of Coach Mac to the program by telling a story during his own recruiting process to UNH. Lacey, who is from Pennsylvania, is the oldest child in his family



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Sean McDonnell enters his 21st season as the head coach of UNH football after taking a one-year hiatus.

and explained that his mom was adamant on meeting the head coach who would be taking care of her oldest son before she gave the green light. Coach Mac drove from New Hampshire to Pennsylvania to meet her and reassure that her son would be in good hands in Durham.

Losing such a profound figure in a locker room could make for a tough transition, especially for a team with a lot of seniors on defense like the 2019 Wildcats were. Santos admitted that taking over for a coach with such a lengthy resume was daunting at first. Lacey described the first couple weeks of transitioning to Santos as “different,” noting that it wasn’t bad, it wasn’t good, just different.

After the initial adjustment period took place, Lacey explained that the coaching styles were different, but it seemed like Santos had been in the job for years and it didn’t take long for things to seem normal.

“He did a great job of rally-

ing the team. We fell one game short of making the playoffs, and I really couldn’t have been any happier with the person that filled Coach Mac’s shoes. Coach Santos is one heck of a coach,” said Lacey.

Despite the success Santos saw after being thrown into the fire a year ago, he says that as of right now he doesn’t plan on looking for a head coaching job elsewhere. Currently an assistant to Coach Mac, Santos hopes to be in Durham for a long time.

“Right now my goal is to be the next head coach that takes over for Coach Mac when he does retire; that’s what I’m working towards every single day. After talking with [Coach Mac] and the administration I think we’re all on the same page that I’ll have a great opportunity to be the next head coach.”

Coach Mac has been back in his full-time position since the spring and obviously a lot has happened since then in terms of the COVID-19 outbreak. Al-

though a fall season did not end up being played, the school and the conference worked all summer to try and figure a way to get athletes on the field. Even after missing all of last season for medical reasons, Coach Mac says he did not have any reservations about returning to the sideline this fall had games been played.

“I had great belief that the people in the positions that were making the decisions were going to make good ones and I think they did,” said McDonnell.

The head coach also noted that he hadn’t gotten the sense from any of his players that they were thinking of opting out due to COVID-19 concerns. He said that from his point of view everybody seemed like they had bought in.

Since students have returned to campus in August, the school implemented a phased restart for teams to begin practicing again. Being with the team again after so many months has been described as

“incredible” by Santos. Coach Mac is also excited to be back and had nothing but praise for the school and the way things have been handled to this point.

“I think the university has done a great job with testing procedures and testing policies, giving us the opportunity to make sure our players are safe, and our coaches are safe.”

Coach Mac noted how excited the players are to finally be back in the weight room and back on the field with teammates and coaches after going through some of the phases that the school put in place.

As for how the team looks to this point, Coach Mac says it’s too early to tell. He says there’s a lot of work to do but he’ll know a lot more by about Nov. 1.



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