By Anna Kate Munsey
MANAGING EDITOR

America has spoken - Donald Trump will be a one-term president.

At 11:25 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, the Associated Press (AP) called the state of Pennsylvania for former Vice President Joe Biden, which put his total Electoral Votes at 284 and secured him the presidency.

Both Biden and Trump have exceeded former President Barack Obama’s record of 70,294,341 votes in a presidential election - with 75,101,459 votes so far for Biden and 70,686,229 votes so far for Trump.

“I pledge to be a president who seeks not to divide but unify, who doesn’t see red states and blue states, only sees the United States,” said Biden in a victory speech Saturday night. He renewed his call to restore the soul of the nation, and outlined his top priorities once taking office, with an emphasis on hope, unity, healing and bipartisanship.

Current President Donald Trump has not conceded the presidency, and has pledged to pursue a legal battle. The Trump Campaign put out a statement earlier today. “The simple fact is that this election is far from over. Joe Biden has not been certified as the winner of any states, let alone any of the highly contested states headed for manda- tory recounts, or states where our campaign has valid and legitimate legal challenges that could determine the ultimate victor,” they wrote.

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Trump declared himself the victor, “I WON THIS ELECTION. BY A LOT!”

“Beginning Monday, our campaign will start prosecuting our case in court to ensure elec- tion laws are fully upheld and the rightful winner is seated,” the Trump campaign wrote. Additionally, Sen. Kamala Harris made history as the first woman, first Black person, and first South Asian person ever elected as vice president. “While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last. Because every little girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibili- ties,” she said tonight.

At the time of writing, Biden has 200 electoral votes and Trump has 214, according to the AP. The states of North Carolina, Nevada and Georgia have not yet been called.

Trump has not conceded the election, and it is unclear if and when he will do so. However, concession of the race is not required by the Constitution or any other document.

Biden received over 270 Electoral Votes, making him the President-elect.

“Let us be the nation that we know we can be. A nation united, a nation strengthened, a nation healed: The United States of America,” Biden said.

UNH active COVID-19 cases eclipse previous high

By Josh Morrill
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

After reporting zero new positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases on Nov. 1, the University of New Hampshire (UNH) announced 16 new cases on Nov. 5 and 83 total active cases, per their COVID-19 dashboard. Seventy-four of the 83 are students, while 7 are faculty or staff and two are categorized as “other/contractor.”

This is the largest number of daily cases UNH has announced in its fall semester, and the most overall since its testing program was implemented on Aug. 31. The previous high before hitting 60 on Nov. 6 was a total of 51 positive cases on Sept. 2.

In an email to The New Hampshire, UNH spokes- woman Erika Mantz said that the university is “investigating allegations of several off-campus large gatherings over the Halloween weekend.”

There has been a steady rise since Oct. 30 when UNH announced 22 overall cases. Since that date, the university reported 41 overall positives on Nov. 2, 46 on Nov. 3 and now 83. The positivity rate has jumped .22% in the past 15 days. It was .09% on Oct. 27, and now stands at 3.1%.

Just after 1 p.m. on Nov. 6, UNH president James Dean sent out a video of himself and Senior Vice Provost for Student Life Kenneth Holmes explain- ing the rise in COVID-19 cases on campus. “Cases of COV- ID-19 are rising in our com- munity, across New Hampshire and throughout the country,” Dean said. “UNH is working hard to track cases on and off campus every day. We really want to keep our campuses open through November 20, as planned. But every single one of us must commit to staying vigilant for that to happen.”

Holmes urged students, faculty, staff and visitors to “double down on the steps we all need to follow to stay safe and healthy.” Holmes also stressed the importance of washing hands, wearing masks and maintaining physical dis- tance from one another. Additionally, be emphasized the importance of avoiding large gatherings and submitting COVID-19 self-tests on schedule. In his address, he said that “students who don’t comply with testing protocols will be identified with community standards offices and removed from campus.”

Dean included that positive cases aren’t the only concern for the university, as the contact tracing process has gotten more difficult in recent weeks. “While our positive cases remain below the state and U.S. level, we are seeing the number of close contacts of each posi-
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Pfizer pushes for COVID-19 vaccine approval

Peter Degnan, the university medical director, as well as UNH students, share their feelings on the potential vaccine.

SHARPP presents social media campaign: Know-Weight

For each week of the month, there will be a topic within the campaign. The topics are rape culture, bystander intervention, consent and healthy relationships.

UNH cross country captain persists through injury

After Forest MacKenzie broke his left foot in mid-July, he had to rehab in the middle of a pandemic, leading to mental and physical hurdles. Read about his journey here.

Patriots beat the Jets on Monday Night Football

After being down 10 points in the second half to the winless Jets, the Pats were able to pull out the win on a Nick Folk 51-yard field goal.

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UNH faculty prepares for remote instruction

By Aqeel Hisham
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For many professors and lecturers, the transition from in-person to remote teaching can be a daunting task in what is quickly becoming a new normal in the world of education. The University of New Hampshire (UNH) is preparing to continue all classes remotely after Thanksgiving break. While most students quickly adapted to the new style of learning last semester, some of the faculty members were struggling due to their inexperience with technology. Using their preparation from the summer, faculty members are working hard to ensure success in online learning for them and their students for the remainder of this semester. However, a semester during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has not proven to be easy.

“This is my worst semester, ever,” said senior lecturer of finance, Andrew Fouse. DeSoey struggled at the end of last semester when classes were held remotely because of the high amount of hands-on teaching that is required for her classes. “My real estate class specifically, I have a ton of guest speakers that are involved in the class and they all had to be cancelled,” she explained.

For DeSoey, it was the mixture of teaching both in-person and online classes that was tough for her. “I personally do not think that you can be effective doing both at the same time,” she said.

However, planning is key to ensure that DeSoey’s classes run efficiently this semester and she claimed that she was one of her biggest accomplishments. This planning included DeSoey modifying her typical syllabus to allow her to slowly host guest speakers later on in the semester as they gear up to go remote. 

Scott Berube, a principal lecturer in the accounting and finance department at UNH said that his biggest obstacle last spring was “figuring out the best delivery model” for his students. He added, “The technology used was strained in communication, which can in turn make it more difficult to engage with the students reviewing notes out of class and then working on problems, assignments or activities with me in class,” he said.

While Lemos prefers teaching classes that are in-person, he said, “With current technology, I feel it’s not possible to truly mimic an in-person experience online.” Lemos does not believe in the “one-size-fits-all” approach to teaching and has catered his in-person, online and hybrid classes “to ensure students of all learning types have a chance to showcase their progression.”

But for Sean Moore, a professor in the English department, teaching online has been a good experience with teleconferencing tools that made it difficult for him to have a smooth transition last spring. “I had already always used the Discussion Board function on Canvas for students to moderate our daily readings, so on short notice I simply expanded that to include chats during our normal class times,” he said.

DeSoey said that the investigation is still ongoing. “The University of New Hampshire is committed to supporting and affirming the dignity of every member of its community as well as the fundamental principles of diversity, inclusion, equity and honest discussion. The scope of this investigation is extensive—multiple interviews and nearly 10,000 unique URLs—and the university is progressing as quickly as possible while still doing its due diligence,” she wrote.

On Oct. 3, President Jim Dean and Chief Diversity Officer Nadine Petty emailed a statement to students. “Earlier this week the university was made aware of allegations on social media about a member of our faculty. We are deeply troubled by what we’ve learned so far and immediately launched an investigation. They have provided no further updates on Twitter since. One of the UNH faculty, Nadeen Tabsh, who had allegedly posed as a woman of color on Twitter under the handle “piney_the and the name The Science Femme. The Science Femme bragged of being “successful in removing all the woke terminology from the statement, including anti-racism, white supremacy, white privilege, and claims to systemic racism,” according to screenshots. The Science Femme trolled other accounts while claiming to be an immigrant woman of color, reposted infantile images of Rep. Katie Hill, and made transphobic, racist and sexist remarks.

The New Hampshire obtained a document with a compilation of screenshots of tweets from The Science Femme, an internal email from department chair Glen Miller confirming the allegations, and proof of links between The Science Femme and Chapman. Since publishing our initial story, numerous individuals came forward to The New Hampshire to share the harassment they’d experienced by The Science Femme. It is not confirmed at this point that the university’s investigation and allegations involving Chapman are related.

The New Hampshire will continue reporting on these issues until they are resolved.

By Anna Kate Munsey
MANAGING EDITOR

On Sept. 30, the University of New Hampshire (UNH) put out the following update on Twitter: “We were recently made aware of allegations on social media about a member of our faculty. We are deeply troubled by what we’ve learned so far and immediately launched an investigation.” They have provided no further updates on Twitter since.

“In the past 15 days, that number has increased by 209, as there were only 120 people in quarantine on Oct. 27,” said senior lecturer of finance, Andrew Fouse. DeSoey struggled at the end of last semester when classes were held remotely because of the high amount of hands-on teaching that is required for her classes. “My real estate class specifically, I have a ton of guest speakers that are involved in the class and they all had to be cancelled,” she explained.

Despite the number of UNH’s cases going up, Dean proclaimed his gratitude for our whole community for staying safe and healthy through this semester. UNH only has two more weeks until the Thanksgiving holiday. Re- mote operations will begin on Nov. 30 and said it will continue after the Thanksgiving holiday until the end of the fall semester on Dec. 22. The university hasn’t announced testing procedures for the opening of campus and the first day of classes in February.
UNH reports 83 total active COVID-19 cases

By Chloe Camelio

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) Chief of Police Paul Dean released a survey to determine who, among faculty, staff, and students, was remaining on the Seacoast for winter break and all students were expected to respond. UNH started to plan for coronavirus (COVID-19) testing over its winter break, beginning Monday, Nov. 30, until Friday, Jan. 29, on all campuses of the same self-swabs issued to students. Students received a survey regarding their plans for winter break. All students are required to fill out this survey by Friday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m., regardless of if they plan to remain on campus.

All undergraduate and graduate students staying in their regular housing, either off-campus or on-campus in Durham, Dover, Newmarket, or Lee N.H. at any point during the entire period are expected to continue testing twice per week while they reside there. Any students planning to visit campus during that time period are expected to participate in the testing program for the weeks they are expected to visit.

Students will receive a follow-up email later in November as to where to pick up their testing kits and labels.

Dean is also urging students, faculty and staff to update their profile on their WildcatPass to contact as tracing. As of now, approximately 300 students have indicated that they plan to stay in their on-campus apartments for some portion of the winter break, including Gables and Woodsides, according to Housing & Residential Life’s Assistant Director of Apartments and Summer Conferences Victoria Perkins. It is unknown if penalties for non-compliance will remain the same despite the drastically reduced population.

In addition to the 300 students living on-campus apartments, Perkins said in an email interview with The New Hampshire, “We have approximately 100 students from the residence halls who have indicated they have need to remain in on-campus housing for the break...Housing is working with that cohort to provide accommodations for the break.”

Dean is continuing to urge students, faculty and staff to remain vigilant with precautions taken to stop the spread of COVID-19.

“Stay home if you feel sick, and continue to follow all public health recommendations around mask wearing, hand washing, physical distancing and illness,” said Dean.

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UNH reports 83 total active COVID-19 cases

By Ben Domaingue

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) reported 83 total active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) as of Nov. 13.

These 83 active cases include 74 students, seven faculty/staff members, and two people categorized as “Other/Contractor.” This is the largest increase of cases at UNH since the start of the semester. The week of Nov. 3 through Nov. 9 there were 71 total positive cases reported, the biggest spike yet. This included 64 students, one faculty member, five staff members, and one person categorized as “Other/Contractor.”

There are 45 out of 389 students quarantining on campus as of Nov. 10, as well as 44 out of 74 students in isolation on campus.

UNH Health & Wellness Medical Director Peter Degnan explained how to go remote to leave on-campus housing, or to finish the remainder of the semester as a remote student. “I don’t want to leave campus...Housing is working with that cohort to provide accommodations for the break.”

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UNH community reacts to news of COVID-19 vaccine

By Hannah Donahue

American Biopharmaceutical company Pfizer and German biotechnology company BioNTech announced on Monday that their coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine is more than 90% effective in prevention of the disease.

According to the New York Times, the trial volunteers had no evidence of a previous infection of COVID-19 and there have been “no serious safety concerns” observed. In a time where daily COVID-19 cases have hit an all-time high in the United States, this announcement has been seen as a sign of hope to some for potential normalcy in 2021.

In a press release from Pfizer, the company stated they are expecting to bring the vaccine, which has been in trial since July, to the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and seek emergency approval in the third week of November. The vaccine, which is mRNA based, is two doses and the effectiveness was achieved seven days after the second dose. The press release stated, “Protection is achieved 28 days after the initiation of the vaccination.”

The efficacy of the vaccine has yet to be tested by outside scientists. According to Snopes, Pfizer’s vaccine testing was not funded by Operation Warp Speed, an initiative by the Trump Administration meant to develop vaccinations and therapeutics for COVID-19.

“We are reaching this critical milestone in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it most with infection rates setting new records, hospitals nearing over-capacity and economies struggling to reopen. With today’s news, we are a significant step closer to providing people around the world with a much-needed breakthrough to help bring an end to this global health crisis,” said Dr. Albert Bourla, Pfizer Chairman and CEO, in the press release.

On Tuesday, the University of New Hampshire (UNH) reported 83 total active positive COVID-19 cases among students, faculty, staff and contractors as of Nov. 9. With a vaccine in the potentially not-so-distant future, it was questionable how it would play a role in the UNH community. In an email interview with The New Hampshire, Health & Wellness Medical Director Peter Degnan said, “The preliminary information released by Pfizer on their COVID vaccine development is indeed exciting; we look forward to the completion of their clinical trials and their publishing complete data so that proper scientific review can occur. Obviously, a COVID vaccine could have a significant favorable impact on our campus, and might, over time, allow for some relaxation of the safety measures in place.”

UNH requires incoming students to receive multiple vaccinations prior to beginning their academics on campus, including the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine, Meningooccal (ACWY) vaccine, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine, and the Chicken Pox (Varicella) vaccine. With so much uncertainty and newness surrounding COVID-19 some wonder if and when they would be required to receive the vaccine.

“There has been some very preliminary discussion about vaccinations for students, although from a vaccine distribution standpoint first-responders, health care personnel and the elderly may be the priority to receive the vaccine,” said Degnan. “It is possible that a COVID vaccine may be a future requirement for students, similar to our other immunizations, but any decision would be carefully considered in weighing public health benefit vs. any theoretical personal risk.”

Luke Tighe, a senior business administration major with an option in marketing, said that he wants UNH to obtain the vaccine for students to receive in order to have a regularly operating semester in the near future.

“[The vaccine is] definitely great news,” said Drew Siemer, a junior medical microbiology major. “It’s still a long way to go but it is a giant step in the right direction.”

Some students, such as senior communication and media studies major Margaux Munick, would prefer for the vaccine to be checked by multiple third parties, such as independent studies or doctors’ associations, before receiving it to ensure its safety.

As for Jenna Peterson, a senior business administration major with an option in marketing, she doesn’t feel comfortable receiving a vaccine that was produced in such a short period of time.

“I feel that the process has been somewhat rushed,” she said. “Another article I read said that it wouldn’t be released until the third quarter of next year. I think that timeline is much more accurate than releasing it ‘ASAP,’ especially for the safety of everyone.”

Similar to Peterson, Munick felt that the vaccine has been rushed.

“In this crazy climate I’m more likely to hold off, see how the vaccines are going to make sure there are no surprise side effects. I think things feel really rushed. I will continue to listen to the science and educate myself,” said Munick.

Junior medical microbiology major Maxim Georgievsky said, “The vaccine is very promising indeed, but I think the public needs an understanding of how complex and unique this vaccine is.”

Because it is mRNA based, Georgievsky said there are “a lot of complicated hoops it must jump through to be successful,” and can be challenging to store due to the temperature it needs to remain stable.

As COVID-19 cases remain prevalent on UNH’s Durham campus, Senior Vice Provost for Student Life Kenneth Holmes said to the UNH community in an email on Wednesday afternoon regarding the rising cases that the university is “incredibly proud of what UNH students have accomplished this semester. We want you, your friends and family to remain safe. We look forward to seeing you back at UNH for the spring semester.”

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Gov. Sununu discusses his third-term policies

By Cassie Hollasch
WEB EDITOR

As the polls closed in New Hampshire Tuesday night, it was shortly evident that Republican Chris Sununu had won the gubernatorial race against Democrat state Sen. Dan Felts. Embarking on a third term, Sununu faced many questions during the gubernatorial debate with WMUR.

During the gubernatorial debate with WMUR, Sununu faced many questions on changing policies if the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic sees increased intensity. Sununu acknowledged that with schools reopening and the weather turning colder, COVID-19 cases are likely to spike.

The Governor has not acknowledged that systematic racism exists, but he has prepared plans to move forward in helping oppressed groups gain more civil rights. Sununu stated, “When the first Black Lives Matter protest was going to happen in Manchester, I picked up the phone and said we support you and we will work with police. The result is not just talk; it is allowing the Law Enforcement Accountability Commission to come together.”

Sununu could prove to be effective in distanced learning and wearing masks around non-family, maintaining nature of the coronavirus cases, spikes, a future statewide mask mandate could be possible. However, officials are advocating that other factors like social distancing and washing hands, could prove to be effective in the long-term.

Another topic Sununu spoke on in WMUR’s debate was the changing of Indigenous peoples as state school mascots. The Governor agreed that it can be offensive for schools to use Indigenous people as mascots and that many schools have been looking to change that. He left the choice up to the school districts but called the present changes progress.

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The Law Enforcement Accountability Commission was enacted in June 2020 under the Sununu administration with the purpose to “engage all interested and relevant public, private, and community stakeholders and develop recommendations for reforms that the commission deems necessary to enhance transparency, accountability, and community relations in law enforcement,” according to their page on the N.H. official website.

On the commission is the American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire (ACLU), BLM, state police, local law enforcement, police, and local prosecutors. The committee has come up with dozens of ways to make change happen that they listed in an official document addressed to Gov. Sununu. In reference to these recommendations from the committee, the governor pledged that “we’re going to get them done and then we’re going to take the next step and the next step.” In his past terms, the governor has supported inclusivity, including creating the Commission on Diversity Inclusion.

On the topic of Michael Addison, a 2006 convicted felon for murder of Manchester police officer, Michael Briggs, Gov. Sununu was asked how he plans to proceed with the death penalty when the state of New Hampshire does not have a death chamber. Addison is New Hampshire’s only death row inmate since the death penalty has now been abolished in the state. Sununu stated that he will not commute Addison’s sentence, however he is not certain how to proceed with the logistics of his sentence. Creating a death chamber will likely increase taxes or require significant funding from another source. Gov. Sununu has not yet made a decision on how to proceed with the case.

The recently reelected Governor has also spoken on topics like gun control, climate change, and abortion. The Governor is unlikely to change or implement further gun policies as he has stated that New Hampshire has “responsible firearm legislation.” He defended the vetoing of other common-sense gun legislation because he believes the bills “started out as potentially common-sense bills that became very abusive very quickly and basically became gun confiscation bills.” The governor has not yet passed any legislation on gun-free school zones but instead has voiced support for implementing mental health programs and resources for teachers, students and other education workers.

Gov. Sununu recently acknowledged that humans do have an effect on climate change and has promoted offshore wind and solar energy. Additionally, Gov. Sununu has claimed he is “pro-choice” and voted in favor of funding Planned Parenthood in 2016, but remains opposed to funding abortion through taxes, according to WMUR. No one is quite sure what the next two years will bring in the midst of a constantly changing society and it remains to be seen what the governor will accomplish in his third term, but New Hampshire residents can remain optimistic for future civil rights legislation and no foreseeable tax increases.

Gov. Sununu himself is optimistic for his next term and took to Twitter to express his gratitude and reveal that serving as governor “is the honor of a lifetime.”
SHARP hosts social media campaign Know-vember

By Caitlin Staffanson STAFF WRITER

For the month of November, the University of New Hampshire’s (UNH) Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program, commonly known as SHARP, is hosting a month-long social media campaign titled Know-vember. SHARP will have four topics covered, one for each week of the month. The topics are rape culture, bystander intervention, consent and healthy relationships.

“This is the first year SHARP is hosting Know-vember, and while the month of November in size to some a campaign, it purposefully coincides with multiple virtual events hosted by SHARP and other UNH departments. The content will focus on violence prevention from a different perspective each week and with varying ways for participants to engage. Most of the information will be presented through Instagram stories, however, use of Instagram quizzes, IGTV videos, screenshots and posts will be used to get the information out in multiple engaging ways. The social media campaign is in large part due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) in order to continue to provide the UNH community with resources and knowledge on these topics.

“Since it is a new initiative, it was developed in the context of Covid-19, which means the pandemic didn’t impact our expectations, but actually shaped them,” said Kate Gladstone, a SHARP Prevention Specialist and creator of Know-vember. “Another piece of this is that Covid is having an effect on people’s experiences of interpersonal violence in a number of ways: increased isolation, the expectation to stay home in an environment that might be unsafe, the necessity to be tied to the computer and constantly ‘on’ and available virtually, increased stigma around attending parties or gatherings that could impact people’s comfortability disclosing, etc. So, we will be integrating Covid-19 into the Know-vember content, especially as we get closer to the time when on-campus students will be heading home for the holidays and winter break.”

Gladstone began planning and collaborating with co-workers in the beginning of October to create the month of Know-vember. SHARP is known for having an extremely strong social media presence and this campaign is an extension of that. Gladstone said the outline of the campaign was set before the first of the month, but content development is still in progress.

“Given the challenging nature of these topics, it’s important for us to be sensitive to broader contexts – what’s happening in the world around us – as we create and post content,” Gladstone said. “We strive to be adaptable and make sure that any content we post is responsive to current events and how they may be impacting survivors on our campus and beyond. Meaning, we can plan as much as we want, but need to be ready and willing to make changes where and when it’s appropriate.”

To keep up with Know-vember, check out SHARP’s website, or social media pages on Instagram and Twitter @UNIHSHARP.

Photo Courtesy of SHARP

UNH students gather for socially distanced in-person classes at the Paul Creative Arts Center (PCAC).

Art Department makes changes amid pandemic

By Hayley Barnhard CONTRIBUTING WRITER

From art class capacity decreasing in size to some courses going completely online, the University of New Hampshire’s (UNH) art department has faced many changes during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The art department is following Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines such as ensuring all students participating in in-person classes wear a mask and maintain a 6-foot distance from each other. Students are expected to wear a face shield provided by the school when they walk around in a UNH studio.

Communal art supplies need to be disinfected each time they are in use and hand sanitizer/disinfectant wipes are present in each room. Academic and student services assistant, Eileen Wong, said the art department during COVID-19 is “very odd.”

“About half of our classes are online and the other half in person. Most of our in-person classes are in the Service Building or upstairs in the PCAC and the students come in for their classes and immediately leave afterwards. It’s like a ghost town in the PCAC art wing,” said Wong.

Wong said all of the history classes are online except for one and all sections of Photography and Intro to Drawing classes are online except for the honors section.

“Our upper-level 2D classes are in person. Those enrollments are smaller so we can follow the 6-feet distancing by spreading the students into two adjoining rooms or teaching on a rotational basis,” she said.

Wong said faculty teaching sculpture, ceramics, or woodworking didn’t have a choice but to teach in person.

“They were very creative with finishing out last spring’s semester online, but a whole semester… it wouldn’t have been fair to the students to not have the hands-on experience,” said Wong.

Wong is also head of the UNH art department’s work study program.

“With our Dean’s approval, we’ve been able to have work study students but only in areas that have in-person classes,” she said.

Ceramics fellowship student, Luccas Booth, said he takes safety precautions during his work study hours in the studio.

“I try to keep my distance from students when they’re in the studio while I’m working. Because I’m interacting with so many student’s work, it’s important I give myself the best chances of not catching COVID-19 so that I limit the chances of my spreading it to students in the ceramics class,” said Booth.

UNH student, Julia Gomes, said her experience taking an Intro to Painting class during COVID-19 is “very odd.”

“We do have access to the studio, but I find myself doing all my assignments at home anyways. We usually have class over zoom but sometimes our professor is in the building and can see us face-to-face,” continued Gomes. “I like the experience I’m having so far because it’s easy-going and I can do all the work on my own time, but sometimes I feel as if I’m not getting the full experiences and skills I would be if it was in person.”

Previously, the UNH art department hosted Artist Talk sessions, where professional artists visited the university and shared their craft with students. These lectures are now being conducted via Zoom, according to the UNH art department website.

Visit the art department’s website for the art department’s calendar and updates on UNH art news.
The lecture featured talk about the election itself and the shift in demographics of voters for both the Democratic and Republican parties, the races in the U.S. Senate and House, the coronavirus (COVID-19), racial and gender issues, economics, health care and more. The pandemic was the most important issue to voters by the numbers, according to Andrew Smith. "It was the one thing the Biden campaign could criticize the Trump administration for without them having any ability to argue against it. No matter what they did, you still ended up with a lot of people who contracted the disease and died from it," Smith said.

According to CNN's exit polling, about one in three voters said the economy was their most important issue, with one in five considering the pandemic the most important. Sokol added to Smith's point, saying "I was surprised by the number of anecdotal stories I've read in the New York Times [among other publications] about voters who voted for Trump because he was going to open the economy and Biden was going to close it." According to the New York Times, there are now a total of 10.3 million plus cases of COVID-19 in the United States, and 240,000 plus deaths. Smith added that if it were not for the Biden campaign's shift toward hitting the Trump administration harder on their response to the pandemic, "[Biden] might not be President-elect today."

Crossley then asked the panelists which specific issue they felt potentially influenced who voters cast their ballots for. Smith again stated COVID-19 as the main issue but pushed the conversation towards demographic changes, saying "Trump's perceived disdain of minorities certainly motivated turnout amongst African American and Latino American electorates."

"We're talking about an electorate that was not much different than 2016, so an increase of Black Americans by a percentage point makes the difference in [those swing states] Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan," Smith continued.

Sokol agreed with Smith, saying, "This is why Joe Biden won Georgia." The other issue is, of course, the gender gap. The day Trump was inaugurated, there were massive protests in the U.S., and those were the voters that powered the blue wave in the Republican Party is going to make further gains in the future it has to figure out a way to speak to women's issues."

Horn believed the biggest issues were those of character, saying that "the issues of racism, misogyny, bigotry, the mocking of disabled people, policy of children in cages, these issues were moving amongst independent voters." She indicated that the data The Lincoln Project track showed that the organization's advertisements advocating against President Trump, but not necessarily for Joe Biden, also helped pull in "the [primar- ily Republican] voters who voted for the president in 2016 and wanted to vote Republican" but they could not bring themselves to vote for Trump, "simply because of the moral and character failings." After some more discussion on these issues, Crossley and the panelists signed off.
The long road back for Forest Mackenzie

By Brackett Lyons

STAFF WRITER

A gust of wind blew damp autumn leaves across Forest Mackenzie’s feet as he began his stretching. Mackenzie planted his right foot firmly on the ground and gingerly stretched the ankle of his left. His left calf muscle was noticeably smaller than the right. It will take some time for them to be the same again.

It was mid-July when Mackenzie got injured. He was playing a pickup game of basketball and caught his foot in a crack on the concrete. Mackenzie managed to finish the game and assumed it was a minor tweak.

“It was killing me. But I’m like, it’ll loosen up because, in the past every other time it loosened up. And then I remember a couple moments later, I sat down again, took my shoe off, I’m like, this is not [good], something’s wrong here.”

Something was very wrong. Mackenzie is a member of the University of New Hampshire (UNH) cross-country team, and he had just broken his left foot. The doctors told him it was a spiral fracture of his fifth metatarsal. He would be spending the next six weeks in a cast.

“At the time of Mackenzie’s injury, the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic was raging. Mackenzie said even before his injury, the days were all blending together and it was a struggle to pass the time. Then he hurt it and it became much worse.

“Well, the only way out for me was to go grocery shopping, let’s go for a walk, let’s run, or let’s do some form of exercise.”

Being on my bed with a hard cast that was up to my knee and pain in my foot, I kind of just laid in my bed and really did nothing... and I would just sleep all the time,” he said.

Mackenzie said he became depressed. He felt that sleeping was the fastest way the time was passed. The usually hyper-active athlete was now sleeping upward of 12 hours a day. Most of his attempts to get some workouts in failed. Mackenzie tried riding a bike, but his cast was too big and bulky to use the pedals.

“I was just going crazy. I’d rather just sleep until it’s over. Maybe I’ll wake up from the nightmare. And so, I really didn’t do much at all... So, I just kind of sat down and told myself “Alright, it’ll eventually over. These months have been going so fast anyways that eventually, we’ll be back,” he said.

Mackenzie was looking forward to the start of the year at UNH. He wanted to be back around his teammates even if he couldn’t train with them. The pandemic made it a harder task than he expected. The team’s camp that usually takes place a week before classes start was canceled. The chance to share meals with his teammates was lost as well with the closure of UNH’s dining halls. Event team meetings were now over Zoom.

Jamie Wilkes, Mackenzie’s captain on the cross-country team, said Forest’s experience would have been different and probably better had it not been for COVID-19.

“The training room isn’t [line] so it would require much more planning to get treatment from the trainers. A lot of the comebacks are process is then more alone which can definitely be challenging,” he said.

Wilkes recognized the isolation athletes can feel when injured. He fractured both his tibias in high school and was sidelined for six months. Wilkes said Mackenzie has done well staying connected to his teammates.

“When in comes to what Mackenzie can do to feel less isolated, Wilkes said it’s all about maintaining the feeling of being on the team.

“The most important thing is for him to keep showing up to official practices where he can interact with the team. Even though he isn’t able to do the workouts and runs that we are at the moment, him showing up and getting that social fix is crucial during any injury healing process, but especially now during COVID,” he said.

Life at UNH remained a struggle for Mackenzie for the three weeks he was stuck in his cast. His normal concerns about how fast he could run a mile were replaced by an everyday struggle to just get around campus. Mackenzie blew out the heel of his cast. He now had enough freedom, he was still confined by what his body could do.

“The first thing you want to do is like, I want to move it, I want to move it. And I found I couldn’t. I couldn’t. I wanted to move my foot forward because my leg was that weak. And my first steps, it felt like a little newborn baby. Like, there was no shot I would be able to walk normally. My calf on my left side was atrophied like crazy. It was so much smaller than my right because it hadn’t been used in six weeks,” he said.

It took some time for Mackenzie to regain his footing. His still not back to where he was, but he said the first few days were the hardest.

“I can remember walking to [Holloway Commons] from my dorm in Congreve. And it felt like a need. That’s how tired my calf was from walking around. And I think anybody who’s had a leg injury can relate to that where it’s crazy how weak your muscles get from not using them,” he said.

As the days and weeks passed, Mackenzie was able to do more and more. His first run came in mid-October. Mackenzie said the experience was like nothing he’s ever felt.

“It’s euphoric, it’s so hard to explain like it’s crazy.”

Mackenzie said he was at a loss for words when describing it. Those that know him best know that doesn’t happen often. On a rainy day, Mackenzie took to the practice field alone.

“You don’t realize how much you love a sport, and you need a sport until you don’t. I remember my first run back was on Tucker field. It was like a walk-run mix it’s about a five minute pace, 9:30 pace. It was pouring rain... I was the only person out. And I don’t know if it was rain running down my face or tears. Probably a mix. But it to come back, it’s a beautiful moment,” he said.

As he continued to ramp up his training, Mackenzie said he found a new determination.

“It’s like that life you’ve lost something mentality. And that’s how I was running. I was running like I lost something. And man, that gave me fire,” he said.

Now, Mackenzie is targeting the America East Champion-ship taking place March 5. The competition was delayed due to COVID-19 but Mackenzie has taken that as a blessing in disguise. He now has enough time to get fully healthy.

“I have more fire now than I’ve maybe ever had. And it’s just because I’ve experienced life without training. And I’ll take life with training 100 times out of 100,” he said.

Today Mackenzie is running alone in the wooded trails behind UNH. He’s not fully healthy. That will take more time and work. Today is just one more step in the long road back. Mackenzie begins to jog. He pick up speed. This run today won’t be long, just two or three miles. But two or three miles is enough for Mackenzie to feel just a little bit more normal. As the wind blows against Mackenzie’s smiling face, he puts his head down and disappears around a bend in the trail.

Brackett Lyons / TNH Staff
By Isabelle Curtis

Bright neon. Gold metallic. Perfect symmetry.

These factors all come together to form Mary O’Malley’s current art series ‘Menagerie #1 — #5’ which currently hangs at the University of New Hampshire’s (UNH) Museum of Art. The series is part of the impact exhibition that highlights the contestants of the Piscataqua Region Artist Advancement Grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. O’Malley, who was a finalist for the grant, is accompanied in the exhibition by fellow finalist Shaina Nataori, 2019 award recipient Victoria Elbroch, and 2019 award recipient Victoria Elbroch.

O’Malley’s intention for the series was to combine her ‘fascination with nature’ and ‘love of pattern’ to create “a fantastical and idealized view of nature,” according to her artist’s statement. O’Malley has always been drawn to nature. However, it wasn’t easily accessible growing up in the Boston area. O’Malley also spent her college years in urban areas receiving her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston and her Master of Fine Arts degree from the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

“I always kind of lived in cities and didn’t really have access to outdoor space. So, I think my earlier work was really about a longing for a connection to nature. I always wanted that, but I just couldn’t,” explained O’Malley. Since moving to New Hampshire almost a decade ago, O’Malley’s relationship to nature has become more tangible. “Suddenly, I’ve got hiking trails everywhere, literally in my backyard,” she said, laughing.

The increased space has also allowed O’Malley to cultivate a flower garden. The garden has since become a large inspiration for her work. O’Malley recalled working on a commission featuring daylilies and being able to see the flower growing in her garden from her studio window. She hopes to try her hand at growing vegetables and herbs again after several failed attempts.

In addition to nature, O’Malley’s work has also been deeply influenced by South Asian aesthetics. Although she has always enjoyed the style of Eastern art O’Malley credits some of her influence on her trip to India in 2004.

“Everything [in India] is so colorful, and everything is decorated,” explained O’Malley. She remembers being amazed how even the water trucks and laundry carts were covered in hand-painted designs. “Everything is just beautiful. There are so many amazing handicrafts and crafts people doing work there. Visually, for an artist, it’s magical to go there,” she said.

O’Malley’s incorporation of eastern influences into her work would help lead to the placement of her art in the U.S. Embassy in Dubai. The opportunity arose 10 years ago when she was working with a gallery in Los Angeles. The gallery owner at the time had a connection with the curator of the Art in Embassies Program from the U.S. State Department. The Art In Embassies Program was founded in 1964 to “promote cultural diplomacy through exhibitions, permanent collections, site-specific commissions and artist exchanges in the more than 200 U.S. Embassies and Consulates around the world.”

O’Malley explained that her work was chosen because her focus at the time—birds of prey—is a common art motif in Dubai.

“It’s one of the coolest things that’s ever happened to me in my career,” says O’Malley. Her current series Menagerie #1 — #5 continues her focus on birds and nature. O’Malley’s naming process varies between pieces, but the title of this series came naturally. She explains, “It’s a little bit of a misnomer because a ‘menagerie’ is usually a collection of animals, but there’s usually that idea of animals being tamed by humans, and I was thinking of that; the way the birds are very symmetrical, and they’re very ordered. I kind of think of these birds and containing them within all of these decorative flowers and decorative architecture.”

O’Malley achieves the perfect symmetry in her prints by creating their compositions digitally. She explained that her works usually begin as individual drawn birds and flowers that she scans to a digital database of her drawings. This allows her to not only build her compositions quickly, but to also mirror and resizing effects.
A fantastical view continues from page 10

When the pieces are complete O’Malley will print them to scale and trace them on raw paper to begin the coloring process.

“[I]f I’d do that by hand it would take weeks and get me shooting that final shot in the midst of ‘cutting season,’ students can’t go wrong with a visit to one of Durham’s newest restauran...nts, Ciao Italia Ristorante + Mercato. Having filled the spot of the former Irish pub, The Knot, when it opened over the summer, Ciao Italia brings a different atmosphere and din...ng experience than the typical environment of a college town.

On these recent, unusually warm November nights, Ciao Italia brings a peaceful and comfortable atmosphere to Durham...
By Ben MacKillop

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Now just over a week after Election Day, despite law- suits it was clear that Joe Biden will become the 46th president of the United States. While millions of voters and media members alike are celebrating the long-awaited end of Donald Trump’s presidency, many are missing the missed opportunities of this election, that the Democratic Party overall lost big on Election Day.

Republicans are likely to hold the Senate

Leading up to the election, many mainstream Demo- crats were open to the idea of extreme measures like packing the court or ending the Senate filibuster. Vice presidential nominee Kamala Harris had previously stated she would be open to court packing in an interview with The New York Times, but has since dodged all questions regarding the matter. These changes, among other progressive wish list items, were all assumed to be a possibili- ty based on the assumption that Democrats would retake the Senate. 538’s election forecast gave Democrats a 75% chance to retake the Senate.

Despite massive polling advantages in races like North Carolina, Iowa, and Maine, Republican incumbents held strong and won these swing races handily. Especially in the case of Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, where Collins was never leading in a single poll leading up to the election, averaging a 6-point deficit to challenger Sara Gideon. Gideon quite literally had “more money than she could spend” in the election, out- raising Collins 4 to 1. Despite this, on Election Day Collins won by an 8-point margin, a 14-point flip compared to the polling average.

Across the country, Demo- crats spent more than double what Republicans did in Senate races, including more than $200 million in Kentucky and South Carolina alone attempt- ing to unseat Republicans Mitch McConnell and Lindsay Graham, both of who won their races by double digit margins. While Democrats still have a chance to retake the Senate through Georgia’s two runoff elections in early January, the odds are very slim. Even in this scenario it would leave Demo- crats with a 50-50 split in the Senate where a vice president Kamala Harris could break ties in their favor, meaning even a single detractor such as now infamous moderate Joe Man- chin (D-WV) could bust their majority. This also gives a very weak mandate to a Joe Biden administration looking to effect progressive change.

Republicans maintain state control

In the fight for state leg- islature control, Republicans on local levels seem to have largely benefited from split-ticket voting across the country maintaining state govern- ment control despite losing up ticket. Republicans have likely maintained all but one of their 21 state government trifecta (control of the state’s house, senate, and governorship), as well as maintaining control of nine other state legislatures where states have Democratic governors.

While Republicans have likely lost state government control in Arizona, it is a major win for Democrats who have those Senate seats and voted against President Trump in the election. New Hampshire votes gave a clear mandate to state Republicans, giving Republicans large majorities in both legislative chambers, the executive council, and a mas- sive reelection win for Gov. Chris Sununu.

With divided government at the national level, these election results are set to have some of the largest impact on our politics in recent history. Since 2020 is a census year, the 2021-22 elected state legisla- tures will control the redistrict- ing process ahead of the 2022 midterm elections. This sets up Republicans, especially in swing states, to make a strong attempt to retake the House of Representatives in 2022, solidi- fying their hold of swing state congressional districts through the redistricting process. This use of redistricting to create an advantage for one party is often referred to as “gerrymandering,” a controversial process that many see as unfair.

This is also an important year for state government control as the newly held 6-3 conservative majority on the Supreme Court is in a posi- tion to strike down many of Democrats’ progressive policy goals, which would push these decisions onto the states. While there is no reasonable evidence that the Supreme Court would look to overturn either Roe v. Wade (which refers to abortion rights) or Obergefell v. Hodges (which refers to same-sex mar- riage), in the event these cases were overturned, decisions on abortion or same-sex marriage would fall back on individual states legislatures.

Changes in the Democrat- ic coalition

In a post-election con- ference call of Democratic lawmakers on Thursday, Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA), who won reelection by less than 7,000 votes, lashed out at progressive Democrats claim- ing their policy goals such as defunding the police and ending fracking nearly cost her reelection. The leaking of this call sparked large internal, and external, disagreements between prominent Democrats over the policy future of the party.

Despite numerous high- ranking Democrats such as House Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-SC), claiming that sloganeering such as “defund the police” caused many demo- cratic incumbents to lose their races.

These internal struggles for Democrats highlight their biggest problem going forward in building a coalition of voters that can defeat a Republican coalition that has greater appeal than Donald Trump. Democrats also face a large problem in a growing Repub- lican coalition that is includ- ing more Black and Hispanic voters, something many in the political elite who blamed Trump’s election in 2016 on white voters are having trouble explaining.

According to CNN exit polls, Trump increased his vote share compared to 2016 in every demographic group except for white men, of which he lost 13 points. Trump gained 6 points among Latino women, 7 points among both Black men and women, and 3 points among white women. This in no way discounts the signifi- cant Black turnout for Biden in areas like Detroit and Atlanta that helped swing the election in his favor, but does represent that across the country, for whatever reason, non-white people have warmed up to Trump.

The area that perhaps shows the results the most in Trump’s favor is Texas’ Zapata county, which is 85% Hispanic and on the Mexico border and, accord- ing to The Washington Post, has not voted for a Republican candidate since Reconstruction. In 2016, Trump lost Zapata to Hillary Clinton by 31-point margin, this year Trump beat Biden by 6 points.

While the hole Trump leaves in the Republican Party will be hard to fill, for better and worse, there are a lot of signs pointing to Republican success in the coming elec- tions. It is hard to blame people having optimism over Trump leaving the White House, but Democrats face a serious uphill battle over the four years, and if they continue to fight among themselves will face a serious challenge in two years.
President-elect Biden: A step in the right direction

By Anna Kate Munsey
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This past Sunday morning was the first time in four years that I woke up and thought to myself, “Everything is going to be okay.”

2020 has been full of grief, sadness, frustration, anger and uncertainty. We are a nation that is sick, hurting and in need of leadership and guidance. Hate groups are energized, and our vulnerable populations are increasingly marginalized.

The way a president speaks matters. The way a president governs matters. The way a president leads matters.

Former President Barack Obama’s biggest philosophical messages were the idea of “the audacity of hope.” So often our country finds itself at a turning point - do we move forward, backward, or stay where we are?

Right now, America is at a turning point. Much of what we’re doing now isn’t working. People across the country are sick, dying, jobless and hopeless.

However, we cannot give up hope.

The coronavirus (CO-VID-19) has impacted every aspect of our lives, and will continue to get worse without an intervention. Donald Trump and his administration have proved themselves time and time again incompetent for this task.

Our country’s leadership for the past four years has been a sad example for our children, ourselves, and the rest of the world.

In America was offered a choice on Nov. 3 - and they have spoken. Joe Biden will be the next President of the United States. Kamala Harris will be the first woman to serve as Vice President of the United States.

Joe Biden has said, since the inception of his candidacy for president, that we are in a battle for the soul of this nation.

Now that this first battle is won, we have work to do.

We’ve lost some incredible people this year. The late Rep. John Lewis once said, “Get in good Trouble, necessary and S.T.R.U.T.Y, and help redeem the soul of America.” Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who passed away in September, once said, “Fight for the things that you care about. Do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”

Both Lewis and Ginsburg are models of character, examples of what the soul of this nation can and should look like.

It’s time to take their wisdom and use it to move forward, together.

In the past week, we witnessed our administration and his campaign unravel before our eyes.

On the morning of Nov. 4 at 2 a.m., President Trump falsely proclaimed himself victorious in the 2020 election. He announced a legal battle and filed lawsuits in states including Pennsylvania, Michigan, Arizona, and Nevada. However, where Biden’s winning margin was relatively small. The campaign has sent a multitude of emails to supporters, aggressively asking for donations to support their legal battles.

No one is denying that free and fair elections are the bedrock of our democracy and that all legal votes should be counted and illegal votes should not. However, given the absence of substantial proof of widespread fraud, the cast in this election, continuing to parrot this conspiracy is destructive to the foundation of our democracy.

We knew all along that there would be a red mirage on Election Day - that Trump supporters were far more likely to vote in person on Election Day, and Biden voters were far more likely to vote absentee or via mail-in ballot. Many states do not allow mail-in ballots to be counted until Election Day, hence the early leads for Trump in states like Pennsylvania. It’s not that they’re being counted in accordance with state law.

It’s left with one choice – to move forward.

In his victory speech, Biden did not directly criticize the president. He talked about how he focused once taking office, he emphasized the importance of controlling COVID-19, and he thanked family, friends and supporters.

“And to those who voted for President Trump, I understand your disappointment tonight. I’ve lost a couple of elections myself. But now, let’s give each other a chance,” he said.

“We’ve put this country in a bad place. It’s time to put away the harsh rhetoric, to lower the temperature, to see each other again, to listen to each other again. To make progress, we must stop treating our opponents as our enemies. We are Americans.”

Take this time to celebrate - to recognize the importance of ending an era and be proud of what we’ve accomplished as a nation. A record number of women won seats in the U.S. House. A woman of color will assume the office of Vice President for the first time in our country’s history. We experienced the most turnout of any election in our history. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris broke records for most votes ever received in a presidential election. Love and kindness will be the new science won, decency won.

However, the next administration will inherit a mess - from daily record-breaking COVID-19 numbers, to a less-than-healthy economy, to strained race relations, to partisan division like we’ve never seen, to the need to act fast on climate change before irreparable damage is done. Many Trump-era orders will have to be altered or outright repealed. After this, the real work will begin. As Biden himself says, “our country needs to build back better.”

“I sought this office to restore the soul of America, to rebuild the backbone of this nation, the middle class, and to rebuild the middle class around the world again. And to unite us here at home. It’s the honor of my lifetime that so many millions of Americans have voted for that vision. And now, the work of making that vision a reality.”

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Lowering the temperature: Hoping for less “interesting” times

By Allison Musitano
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For many, last weekend felt like the first time in a long while we could breathe again. After an eventful four years culminating in a pandemic the likes we have not seen in a century, there has been an unrelenting flurry of scandals, new and unraveled injustices brought to the public conscience, and the realization that our country is much more divided than many of us thought it was. It will make for an odd chapter in our nation’s history books to be sure. And although it’s not an extremely common saying, I have heard this adage crop up a few times within the past four years: “May you live in interesting times.”

Hearing this phrase sparks two reactions in me that happen in quick succession:

first, I think to myself “Huh. I guess this will stand out in his- tory as an important moment!”

Immediately after that thought though, the specialness of being another cog in the ever-mov- ing clock of history feels nonexistent. Let future history classes bold “2020” and “‘oh no, how did we get to this?”

And the wildness of these times: we’ve had a decade’s worth of interesting events shoved into 2020 alone.

Let me clarify - this isn’t a call for inaction or maintain- ing the status quo because it may seem like the comfortable option. Progress oftentimes can be a series of big and exciting changes - world-changing advancements, people banding together to make things right, people gaining rights, and making our society becoming a better and more equitable place to live. But what makes “interesting times,” (at least in this moment of history) exhaust- ing boils down to a couple of things:

1. Society can easily regress, as demonstrated with roll- backs on rights and attempts to dismantle equity legislation. And like a train wreck, this can be called interesting but it sure isn’t something that you would want.

2. Social change is born out of need and want. While the status quo should not be altered or outright repealed. While the status quo should not be altered or outright repealed.

While the status quo is something that is ever-changing and forever in need of improvement, and certainly something that we shouldn’t grow complacent with even under new national management. I myself feel the same way.

I hope some aspects of life become mundane again. I look forward to slow news days that don’t make me wince. I look forward to commiserating with friends over small day-to-day things that don’t cause existential cri- ses. I look forward to thinking about a pandemic exacerbated by government negligence in the past-tense. I look forward to a sense of calm. I look for- ward for chances for all of us to catch out breathes before we keep on moving toward a better future.

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THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
This past, Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Boston sports community lost one of its most beloved players, coaches, announcers and humans. Tommy Heinsohn, known as “Tommy” throughout the Celtics fanbase, was a guy that could light anyone’s day up just from being himself.

He spent over six decades as a part of the Celtics organization in one form or another, and had played in or been involved in all of the franchise’s 17 championship victories.

Much of my childhood, like so many others in the New England area, was spent listening to Tommy call Celtics games.

Whether it was Paul Pierce hitting a game-winner or Isaiah Thomas scoring 50 points against the Washington Wizards in the playoffs, Tommy was always at the center of the viewing experience.

If you’re a Celtics fan, Tommy was your mouthpiece. When the referees didn’t have it, he said they were horrible. When the players were off their games, he would tell them that they were stepping up the game. But, when they played well, there were no one begrudging great moments. His gravelly and coarse voice was one that I will never forget.

I would make my way to the Celtics broadcast because of “Tommy.”

After every game, he gave out “Tommy points.” These were awarded to players that had game-changing plays or hustle and hardworking plays that uplifted their team to victory.

He exemplified what a Tommy point was. Hard work, passion and dedication to excellence were synonymous with the name Tommy Heinsohn.

He lived, ate and breathed the Celtics organization, and because of that, he had respect from all of his peers.

You cannot tell the story of the Celtics without Tommy Heinsohn, and you cannot tell Tommy’s story without every- one that he influenced. He made so many lives better and provided a much-needed guide so many in the right direction.

Rest in Peace Tommy.

Josh Morrill
Executive Editor
Boston mourns the loss of Tommy Heinsohn

By Cameron Beall
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On Tuesday, Boston lost a man who gave his entire adult life to the city and had one of the greatest impacts on one of the world’s most famous sports franchises.

Former Boston Celtics player, coach and broadcaster Tommy Heinsohn passed away at the age of 86 on Tuesday. He was a part of the Celtics in some fashion during each of their 17 championships, the first coming in 1957. Heinsohn may be gone, but the imprint he left on the franchise and on the city is something that will live on forever.

Longtime broadcast partner Mike Gorman had nothing but kind words to say about Heinsohn. After 39 years under the headset with Heinsohn, Gorman shared some of his fondest memories with his broadcast partner on Tuesday afternoon.

“Tommy’s in a better place now. It was a tough couple of months for him going down the stretch,” explained Gorman. “I think there’s a certain sense of relief.”

He even made a joke that Heinsohn will be able to rest easy as long as they keep him away from any referees. Heinsohn made a name for himself as a broadcaster with his homer mentality and his disdain for the officials.

Former Celtics head coach Doc Rivers explained the impact that the legend had on the franchise. While Bill Russell has the championships, Larry Bird may have been the greatest player to don the uniform, Heinsohn was the embodiment of the franchise according to many.

“I don’t think there’s anybody who symbolizes what being a Celtic is more than Tommy Heinsohn,” said Rivers. “He died green; it was in his heart.”

Rivers joked that when he accepted the head coaching job for the Philadelphia 76ers – long-time Celtics rival – they asked if anybody in Boston was mad at him for taking the job.

“One person,” Rivers joked, “Tommy Heinsohn. He hated Philadelphia!”

Heinsohn was drafted to the Celtics in 1956 out of Holy Cross. He played in Boston for nine seasons before he retired at the age of 30. During his career he averaged 18.6 points per game, 8.8 rebounds and 2.0 assists. Heinsohn was described as one of the best offensive rebounders of his time by former teammate Bob Cousy. The forward ended his career with 12,194 total points.

Heinsohn was named the 1957 Rookie of the Year along with being named to six All-Star games. He was crowned an NBA Champion eight separate times as a player, the only year his Celtics didn’t come out on top was the 1957-58 season.

A few years removed from his playing career he eventually took the job coaching his former team after being the team’s radio broadcaster for three seasons. He took the job in 1969 at the age of 35 and coached until 1978. During that time Heinsohn added two more championships to his resume giving him a grand total of ten.

In his third and final act of his professional career Heinsohn became the Celtics color broadcaster alongside Gorman in 1981. He was a part of the TV broadcast in some capacity up until the most recent season.

His workload lightened by end as he was only working the home games and former Celtic Brian Scalabrine took over for road games.

Heinsohn experienced eight titles as a player, two as a coach and seven as a broadcaster. Celtics fans of all ages have felt the impact of Heinsohn in some form.

Few will leave the impact across so many generations that Heinsohn did. His legacy has been engrained into Boston for 64 years and will certainly live on forever.

Patriots squeak by the Jets in divisional matchup

By Brackett Lyons
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Cam Newton bounced back from his recent struggles leading the Patriots down the field to score three times in the fourth quarter. Newton has struggled with turnovers this year, but he managed to keep the ball safe for all 60 minutes. He finished the night with 274 passing yards and completing 27 of 35 throws. The dual threat quarterback was less mobile than usual but still finished with 16 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

Newton changed his tune in the postgame press conference from previous games which has become far too familiar for Patriots fans this season. For the first time in a long time, he seemed happy with his performance.

“The last couple of games, it builds character... We just did our jobs,” Newton simply stated.

The Patriots were noticeably thin at the wide receiver position for Monday’s matchup. The Patriots started three undrafted free agents at the position. Jakobi Meyers was the best among that group. The second-year wideout celebrated his 24th birthday in style with 12 receptions for 169 yards. Meyers capped off his record night with a critical 20-yard reception with three seconds left to play which set up the game-winning 51-yard field goal from Nick Folk.

The last time the Patriots overcame a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter was back in Super Bowl LII against the Atlanta Falcons. Newton was asked about how he felt about the comeback after struggling so much since week two at Seattle.

“It’s nothing more than executing a call,” said Newton. “For Josh [McDaniels] to keep the ball in my hands during that time gives me confidence moving forward.”

It wasn’t all good for New England, however. Veteran quarterback and longtime thorn in the side of the Patriots, Joe Flacco, torched the defense for the first three quarters of the night. Flacco finished with 262 yards and three scores through the air. Flacco’s touchdown passes included a 50-yard bomb to Breshad Perriman and a prayer to Jamison Crowder in the back corner of the end zone just before halftime.

The New England defense continued to struggle with tackling and penetration at the line of scrimmage. Cornerback JC Jackson, who is generally regarded as one of the best coverage players in the NFL, had an especially rough night. Flacco’s third touchdown pass came when Jackson slipped and fell, leaving Perriman wide open for his second score of the day.

Luckily the Patriots and Jackson rebounded. Needing a stop while down seven Jackson intercepted a deep ball from Flacco to set up the game-tying touchdown. Then with the game tied, New England got its first sack of the night to help force a punt.

The Patriots will hope to keep the Baltimore Ravens’ offense in check when they welcome them to Foxborough next week. The two will face off on Sunday Night football where Al Michaels and Cris Collinsworth will have the call on NBC.
Sports

Men’s and women’s hockey schedules released

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As an unprecedented semester is coming to a close at UNH, a sense of normalcy will return before it is over. Recently, Hockey East released a teaser video on all of their social media platforms hinting at a return to play on Nov. 20. Wednesday Hockey East released the full tentative schedules for all teams.

Both the men and the women are making a return to the ice starting with matchups against Boston College on Nov. 20. The men’s team will kick-off their season on the road at Chestnut Hill. The women defend home ice in the Whittemore Center against the Eagles.

The next day the men will play in Durham for their home opener and the women travel to Chestnut Hill to play their first game in the road.

The men’s team battled No. 4 ranked BC three times last season, winning the first matchup 1-0 but losing the next 2-1. The Eagles and ‘Cats finished up their season series with a 3-3 tie in the Whitmore Center. Meanwhile, the women’s team won the season series 2-1 against the Eagles, winning games 5-1 and 3-0.

The men have a 26-game schedule ending on Mar. 6 against Vermont. The women face a 24-game schedule ending Feb. 27 against Merrimack; all schedules are tentative at this point.

The men’s team will look to get back into the playoffs after going 15-15-4 last season. Meanwhile, the No. 6 seeded women went 18-15-4 and made it past Providence in the Hockey East Quarterfinals making their first appearance in the semifinals in 10 years. Unfortunately, they did not advance further falling to No. 5 seeded UConn.

With this press release from America East also came one from UNH. Within it was a statement from UNH Director of Athletics Marty Scarano. “We are very proud of the way our staff, coaches and student-athletes have responded to this unprecedented challenge. Our Wildcats will now get the opportunity to represent the University doing what they love, but we also remain acutely aware of the danger of COVID-19 and will continue to maintain safety as the utmost priority above all else.”

Also included in the release was the information that no spectators will be allowed at all Wildcat home events in order to keep the safety of the participating student-athletes, coaches and essential staff their top priority while also keeping fans, families and community members away from any potential spread.

The press release stated, “this decision comes as a direct result of careful consideration and close collaboration with the CDC, the State of New Hampshire, the University, and conference partners in the America East Conference and Hockey East.”

UNH Athletics will go on playing games in empty buildings for the foreseeable future. Among those not allowed to attend include family and friends, students, faculty and staff, athletes and coaches from non-competing programs, season ticket members, spirit squad, band and the media.

Men’s Basketball voted No. 3 in America East

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One season removed from being voted last place in the America East preseason poll, UNH men’s basketball has launched into third place ahead of the 2020-21 season. This is the first time the program has been featured in the top three since 2016 and will likely be a threat to stand atop the conference by the end of February.

The Wildcats trail only the UMBC Retrievers and the University of Vermont Catamounts who once again find themselves in the top spot. A season ago the team increased their win total by 10 wins from the year prior and were on the verge of being able to host a first-round matchup in the America East Tournament. They have had a talented young core that has not been able to put the pieces together the past few seasons to make any sort of noise within the conference.

Head coach Bill Herrion will be returning this season with a near identical roster featuring a strong group of juniors. Forwards Nick Guadarrama, Jayden Martínez and point guard Manny Malatsky headline that group. They’ll be joined by senior guards Josh Hopkins and Sean Sutherlin along with fifth year center Chris Lester.

The team lacked size under the basket last season but hope that Sutherlin can help in that department. Sutherlin, a 6-foot-5 point guard, was at the top of the conference in rebounding a year ago and was effective in getting his shot off under the basket.

America East also announced their preseason all-conference team on Wednesday afternoon. The Wildcats were represented by Guadarrama who was one of the main contributors last season.

The junior commented on his nomination and what he believes the team is capable of as they are preparing for NJIT. “It’s an honor to be named to the all-conference team but a lot of people on our team deserve to be up on that list with me,” explained Guadarrama. “Pre-season polls don’t really mean a whole lot. As a team we are excited for the year to start. We know what we are capable of this year and we hope to improve our wins from last year.”

The Wildcats will begin their 18-game slate on Dec. 12 and will play all the way through the end of February.

Men’s Hockey

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Women’s Hockey

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