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President Dean hosts State of the University address

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President James W. Dean Jr. of the University of New Hampshire (UNH) hosted the annual State of the University address with numerous other administrators.

COVID-19 remained a major talking point during the Tuesday address.

Since the start of the semester, over 350,000 COVID-19 tests have been administered, either by UNH's own lab or the university's partnerships with ConvenientMD and Quest Diagnostics. University catering team members prepared and delivered over 13,000 meals to students in quarantine and isolation, according to Dean.

"Student leaders in our residence halls went to great lengths to protect the health and safety of our students, and our cleaning crews did a marvelous job of keeping our buildings clean and sanitary," said Dean.

Dean acknowledged the over 400,000 Americans who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

"Some of these were family and friends of members of the UNH community and our hearts go out to each of you who lost a loved one," said Dean.

Dean expressed his confidence in keeping students on campus for the spring semester, based on the university's efforts to keep UNH open for the fall semester.

"Our fall experience con-

vinced me that we can successfully face this together. I ask for your continued diligence and patience."

As of Wednesday morning, 75 new positive cases were reported, marking UNH's highest daily increase since testing began. 129 positive cases have been reported, with 49 isolating on campus and 62 quarantining on campus.

Despite the high number of cases reported, UNH has expanded its testing capacity to long-term care homes across

the state, as well as begun to sequence COVID-19 viral genomes.

In a Q&A hosted by Professor Tom Haines, Senior Vice Provost for Research, Economic Engagement and Outreach Marian McCord clarified information on the new sequencer.

"[The new sequencer] will be operational and ready for use in sequencing the genomes around February 17th," said McCord.

When asked about COVID-19 variants at UNH, Mc-

Cord confirmed that variants of COVID-19 have not been detected at UNH.

"We haven't detected any [COVID-19] variants here at UNH nor have any variants been detected here in New Hampshire as of yesterday when we met with DHHS," McCord said.

As vaccinations begin to roll out, some have questioned as to what will happen with the COVID-19 lab after the pandemic has ended.

"We will continue to use

the resources we've invested in the lab as part of our long term research strategy but also to hopefully create a long term surveillance and resilience capacity for the state," said McCord.

Though no new variants have been detected, cases continue to rise, and the university has not given a concrete answer as to the threshold of positive

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UNH investigation into faculty member concludes with resignation

By Anna Kate Munsey
MANAGING EDITOR

The University of New Hampshire's (UNH) investigation into a faculty member's alleged actions on social media is now over and the employee at the center of the investigation has resigned.

"We appreciate your patience while the university conducted a thorough and fair investigation. That investigation is now complete," President James Dean and Chief Diversity Officer Nadine Petty announced in an email Wednesday afternoon.

day afternoon.

The investigation was first announced in late September via 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 wrote.

Now, over four months since the initial announcement, the investigation is now over and the faculty member at the center of the investigation chose to resign. "While we are limited in what we can say in order to protect the privacy of all

involved, we can share that the faculty member chose to resign when the university concluded that the conduct exhibited was not consistent with the university's values and our expectation that every faculty member contribute to a professional academic environment free of intimidation and harassment," Dean and Petty wrote.

The statement did not identify the faculty member by name and did not specifically identify the conduct that led to their resignation.

University spokeswoman Erika Mantz shared several statements with The New

Hampshire throughout the investigation.

On Nov. 10, 2020, she wrote, "The University of New Hampshire is committed to supporting and affirming the dignity of every member of its community as well to 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."

On Jan. 27, she wrote,

"While the investigation is still ongoing and there is no additional information we can share, we can confirm that the employee at the center of the allegations remains on leave and is not in the classroom."

Dean closed with, "UNH remains committed to the fundamental principles of diversity, inclusion and equity as well as the right to free speech. Our mission requires open and honest debate on difficult issues, and we will continue to create opportunities for dialogue as we move forward from this difficult situation."

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cases required to change modes of operation.

Vice President and Provost for Academic Affairs Wayne Jones Jr. neglected to clarify the threshold in which UNH would have to reach in order to transition modes of operation.

“Our goal is to make the best informed decision with the data we have and to inform the campus community as rapidly as possible,” said Jones.

Though UNH’s reopening

plan worked in the fall, it has been costly.

“An analysis done last summer estimated we would need to save approximately \$40 million by fiscal year 2023 in order to achieve financial sustainability,” Dean said. “It looks as if we are roughly on track to do this.”

Part of this cost savings comes from UNH’s partnership with Huron Consulting Group, where the university spent over \$600,000 to find savings in its efforts to become a top 25 research university.

“We’re already in the top 25

in several [incentive] metrics,” said Dean.

UNH plans to realize over \$12 million in savings through scaling back Facilities, IT and the Library. It is unknown how many positions have been cut at this time.

Through these cost-savings initiatives, UNH also introduced an early retirement program, called the COVID Enhanced Retirement Program, or CERP.

“This initiative provided funding for early retirement for faculty and staff who met the criteria,” Dean said.

Over 58 faculty and 223 staff members have taken advantage of the program.

“The people who are leaving represent 7,700 years of service,” Dean said.

Dean also reaffirmed UNH’s commitment to freedom of speech.

“We have gone to great lengths to promote free speech. Including in some cases speech that was offensive to members of our community,” Dean said. “We can and do regulate the time, place and manner of speech to ensure that we can always fulfil our educational

mission.”

As UNH begins to transition and adapt with COVID-19 and continue to adhere to CDC guidelines, the hybrid model may be scaled back in the future.

“In-person learning, in the conventional sense, I believe will no longer be the unquestioned default for what we do in terms of course offerings in the future,” said Dean.

UNH will continue to adapt and develop new plans in order to meet its educational goals.

Kenneth Holmes addresses quarantine capacity issues



Photo courtesy of the Union Leader.

By Josh Morrill
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After the University of New Hampshire (UNH) released their coronavirus (COVID-19) testing information on Feb. 10 via their COVID-19 Lab Testing Dashboard, Senior Vice Provost of Student Life Kenneth Holmes sent out a video message to the university community addressing the increased quarantine and contact tracing numbers.

According to the dashboard, there have been 189 positive tests in the first nine days of the spring semester (Feb. 1-Feb. 9), with there being over 15 positives on six of those days. The highest single day of positive tests came on Tuesday, Feb. 9 when there were 75 positive results, with two of them being staff members.

In the video, Holmes emphasized that the rising COVID-19 numbers at UNH have put a tremendous amount of stress on both Adams Tower West and Babcock Hall, the dorms that are being utilized to house both positive and contact-traced students.

“We are seeing the con-

sequences of COVID fatigue with increases of the number of students in quarantine and isolation,” Holmes said. “Just recently, one positive case had 19 [close] contacts. That’s putting a strain on our quarantine housing.”

Due to the limited space in Babcock Hall, the university is no longer giving off-campus students the opportunity to quarantine there. These students will have to either have to quarantine at their current residence, or they can go home if they have an alternative permanent place of residence.

“As a result, effective immediately, students living off campus will have to quarantine in place if they are designated as a close contact until further notice,” Holmes said. “Only students living in campus housing will have quarantine housing. This policy does not apply to isolation housing at this time.”

UNH implemented new updates to the Wildcat Pass for the spring semester, including a QR code that ensures that the pass is valid at the time of scanning it. These updates haven’t resulted in an improved

positivity rate on campus, as it currently sits at 0.79%. To finish the fall semester, UNH had similar COVID-19 complications, but the positivity rate never got above 0.60% (0.57% on November 18). The university’s answer to the conundrum seems to be integrating more restrictions on campus, including in Dimond Library.

“Beginning next week, you will not be able to access the Dimond Library without your UNH ID card, which is linked to your Wildcat Pass,” Holmes said.

To ensure that you will be able to access buildings on campus and stay compliant with the university’s COVID-19 guidelines, Holmes highlighted the significance of student IDs. “If you are not able to locate your ID, or you’re concerned that your magnetic strip does not work, please visit the [Memorial Union Building] room 211, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.”

When wrapping up his address to the UNH community, Holmes reemphasized the importance of wearing masks, face coverings, as well as limited individual close contacts.

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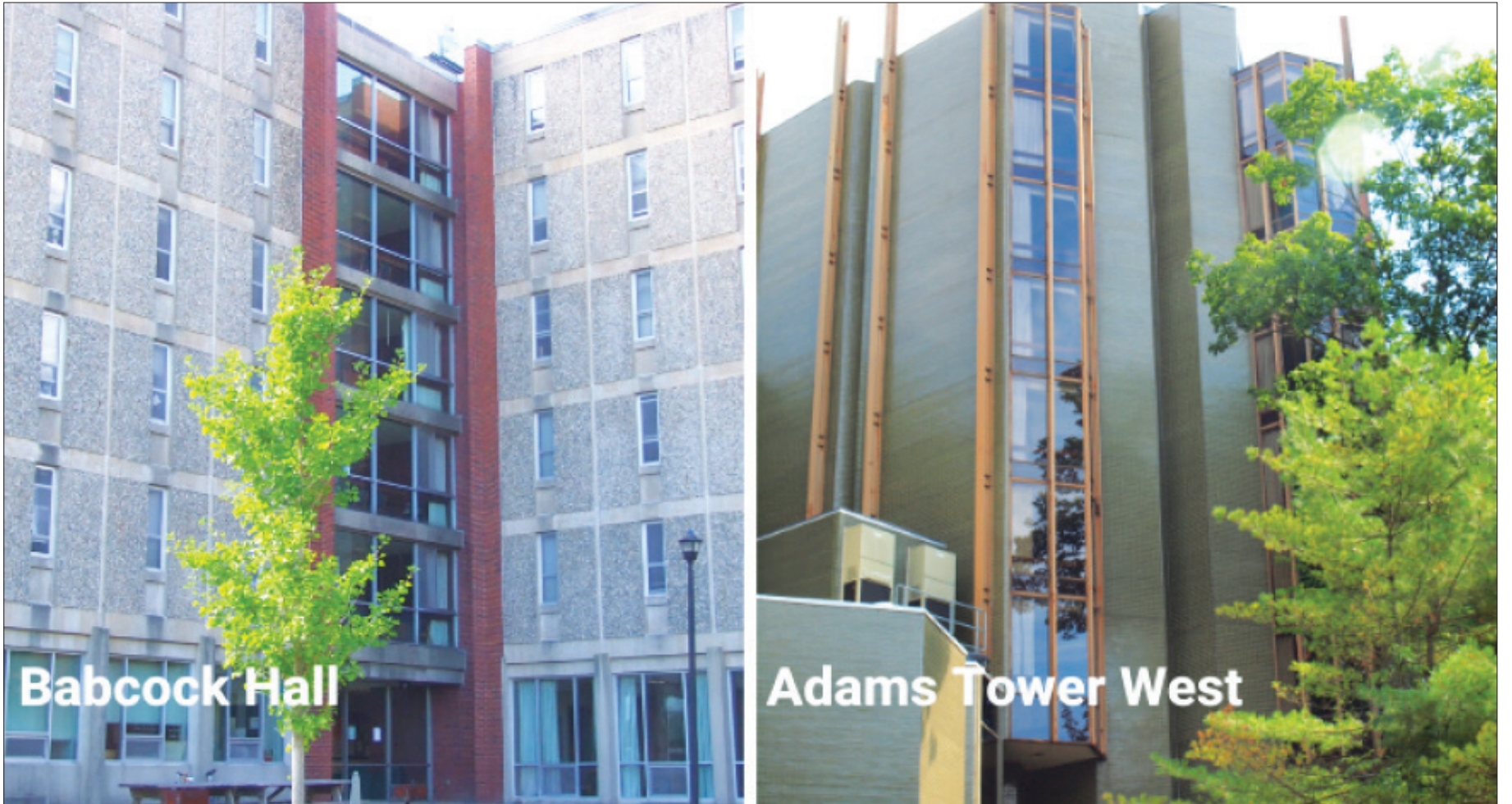
Quarantine and Isolation at UNH

Total in Quarantine: 333
Total in Isolation: 128
Isolating on Campus: 49
Positivity Rate: 0.79%

“As a result, effective immediately, students living off campus will have to quarantine in place if they are designated as a close contact until further notice.” -Kenneth Holmes

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Limited space available in quarantine dorms



Courtesy of the University of New Hampshire

By Ben MacKillop
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As we finish the second week of classes in the spring semester, the number of active coronavirus (COVID-19) cases at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) have nearly reached their high from the fall semester causing many students to worry about a possibly-impending campus shutdown.

As of Wednesday morning, there were 128 active student COVID-19 cases on campus with a 0.79% positivity rate. Over half of these cases resulted from tests on Tuesday alone with 75 students testing positive, more than double the previous single-day high. The high point of active cases occurred on Nov. 20, where there were 134 active student cases, and will most likely surpass this number within the next few days of testing.

The rise in cases from the beginning of the semester has been the biggest point of concern for UNH administrators, it being a key part of President Jim Dean's State of the University address where he urged students to avoid "COVID fatigue." UNH administrators have continued to push the #UNHTogether campaign in an effort to have students continue to wear their masks and avoid large gatherings.

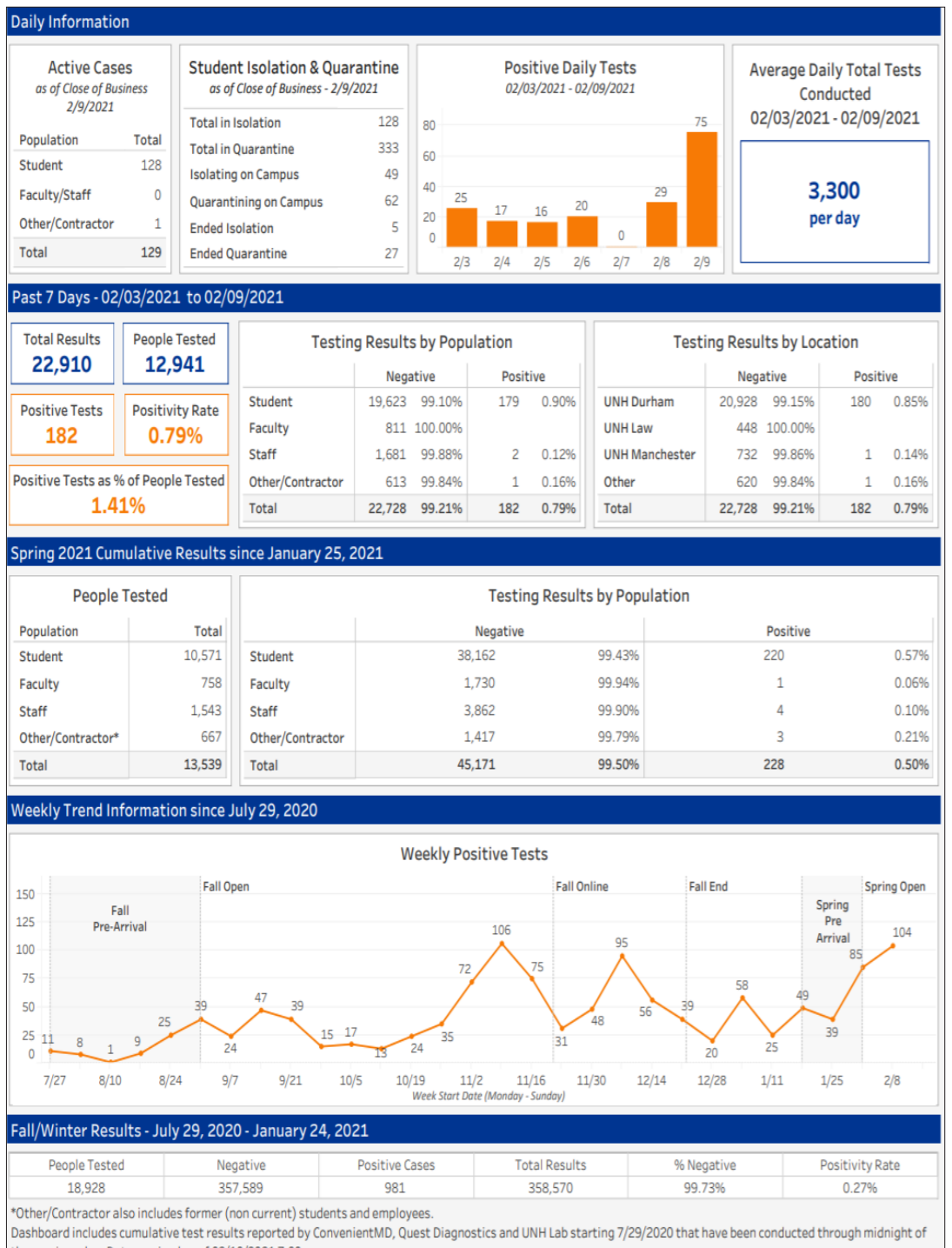
One of the greatest areas of concern due to the rise of student cases at UNH are the quarantine and isolation dorms, Babcock and Adams Tower West, nearing their capacities with the surge in positive cases. As of today's, COVID-19 dashboard, there are currently 49 students isolating and 62

students quarantining in the campus dorms. These numbers nearly surpass the highs from fall semester where at the peak there were 51 students in isolation. The capacity of these quarantine and isolation dorms are clearly a large concern for the administration, as Senior Vice Provost for Student Life Kenneth Holmes announced in a video today that off-campus students will no longer be allowed to quarantine in the campus housing in order to keep space available for on campus students. Off-campus students who test positive will still be allowed to isolate in university housing.

This rise in cases, and the anticipation of more positive cases throughout the rest of the week, have caused many students to worry that UNH will convert the orange level of operations or possibly shut down campus entirely. The orange level, limited operations, would cause most classes to go fully remote with a limited number of in person classes where 25% capacity can be adhered to. On campus housing would remain open, but campus events and facilities would either go to limited operations or completely shut down.

If UNH took this approach, they would fall in line with what many other colleges and universities across the country are doing in response to rising COVID-19 cases. UMass Amherst decided to follow a similar model, shutting down all in person activities while allowing on campus students to remain in their dorms under strict rules, after a week of over 400 positive cases.

Students should stay informed about the rising CO-



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VID-19 numbers on campus and be on the lookout for any

announcements in the coming days. Up to date COVID-19

information can be found at the UNH COVID-19 dashboard.

UNH Paul alumnus creates mental health app



Courtesy of NextStep HealthTech.

By Aubrey Benoit
STAFF WRITER

Struggles with mental health, alcohol and drug abuse have taken over the lives of people every day; even in a small town like Durham, NH. However, there are some people who are willing to change the stigma around serious struggles and give an outlet for those who need it most.

Sam Warach, 25, of Durham, NH, is a 2017 University of New Hampshire (UNH) Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics alumnus. In combination of his bachelor's of science in business administration degree and a deep passion for helping others, Warach started up NextStep HealthTech, a technology company with the mission to help individuals and communities cultivate resilience. Most recently, Warach, the CEO, got in agreements with the state of New Hampshire and New York to supply products for his blooming company.

NextStep started with the drive to combat modern mental health and addiction crises in New Hampshire and beyond. "I began kicking around ideas that led to NextStep in 2014 during my sophomore year at UNH Paul College. While I learned about the mechanics of social venture innovation, I wanted to tackle some of the major problems that had negatively impacted my community, the country, and beyond," Warach said. Warach wants people to feel like they are resilient enough to open their minds and get the help they need. With his app, NextStep GoodLife released worldwide in the app store, Warach hopes to end the

stigma on mental health and addiction.

In order to build a community and develop this company, Warach had to experience some kinds of struggles himself to be who and where he is today. However, he takes those struggles and turns them into something positive, sharing his message of resiliency. "Bumps in the road are a daily occurrence. Adversity should be expected in entrepreneurship. I see adversity as opportunity for resiliency," Warach said.

Alumni like Warach who envisioned their entrepreneurship so clearly throughout college have full support from their professors. Professor Ronald Boucher of the hospitality department explains his own values and the values of Paul College. "Never say never," Boucher said. "Last semester with COVID, as a team, nobody panicked. We all stayed positive. In order to stay on top of the situation, stay positive. Think about the outcome, not the struggles." Boucher, among many other professors in Paul, holds himself to the same standards he holds his students to, building a "myriad of responsibilities" for everyone involved. COVID-19 has taken an emotional toll on several college students, Boucher explained. He was actually not aware of the NextStep GoodLife app by Warach, however, he applauds him for pushing through and carrying Paul values with him in his post-graduation endeavors.

Active Minds, a national nonprofit organization supporting mental health awareness and education for students, conducted a survey in 2020 for student's mental health. It was found that 39% of students



Courtesy of Sam Warach.

Warach at the InterOperability Laboratory (UNH-IOL) in 2020 to kickoff the 2020 University of New Hampshire Hackathon.

struggle with some kind of mental health issues. Every one in five students have a diagnosable mental illness. Overall, suicide is the second leading cause of death for young adults. Active Minds, along with NextStep, are, among other things, suicide prevention programs, working to move that ranking down.

Warach has worked closely with local psychiatrists in order to develop a strong insight for what his job entails. Emily Woodwall is the Assistant Director of Clinical Services at UNH and provides counseling through UNH's Psychological and Counseling Services (PACS) program. "Collegiate mental health is a unique and dynamic place to work. It offers the opportunity to help

students in a wide variety of circumstances, allows for time dedicated to outreach and education around mental health and encourages collaboration within interdisciplinary teams. It feels good to work [someplace] where the goal of helping students is a priority," Woodwall said. Her passions reflect similarly to Warach's, emphasizing his want to help others.

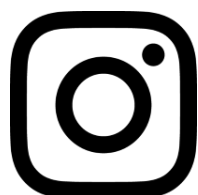
Warach's motto is simple: "I do what I do today to make a positive impact and value the opportunity to instill positive growth in the teams and communities in which I work." Warach's dedication to the well-being of others only brings to surface what NextStep offers in terms of comfort, prosperity and quality of life to

those who are combatant with their mental health.

NextStep HealthTech is available to everybody, and the organization is developing new resources to help those struggling with mental health or addiction and provide a sense of self sustainability and resiliency. To learn more about NextStep HealthTech, download the NextStep GoodLife app in the Apple App Store or visit their website.

PACS is still available to students and faculty, and the organization has added new resources to help those practicing social distancing and those out of state. To learn more about telehealth counseling and WellTrack, call (603) 862-2090 or go to their website.

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Clean Energy Jobs Forum features UNH alumni



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Finding jobs during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has been a daunting task for many Americans, but experts in the renewable energy sector say with a little tenacity and connections there are many jobs to be had.

The Clean Energy Jobs Forum was held on Feb. 9 by University of New Hampshire (UNH) alumni and other experts in the clean energy sector. Director of Local Energy Solutions for Clean Energy N.H. and UNH Alumnus Henry Herndon started the forum off, saying, “we all know the urgency to decarbonize our energy systems, our electricity systems, our thermal heating systems and our transportation systems.” Herndon was a political science major and then completed his master’s in natural resources. “It’s great to see a lot of leadership from the young people here in the state, at the professional level, but also at our universities and in our high schools,” he said.

“So energy, it’s a rapidly growing industry across the nation. There are businesses, governments, individuals that are involved in this economy working on sustainability, working to increase local energy independence and reduce home harmful pollution,” Herndon said. “This is a diverse and exciting industry that has lots of opportunities for young professionals.”

Doria Brown, energy manager for the city of Nashua, spoke about her job negotiating energy contracts for Nashua. She helps with the energy efficiency project planning on going out for rebates and manages the renewable energy projects that they have. She also does all of the greenhouse gas tracking and accounting for the city to see if they’ve met the goals they’ve set: to be 100% renewable energy by 2050, and to reduce their greenhouse gas consumption by 20% by 2025. She graduated from Franklin

Pierce University, and started working at a small manufacturing company in Nashua.

“I was the sustainability specialist, but I kind of got thrown into the energy sector, because I was the only person that was willing - or some people say, I’m dumb enough - to go out and go out to bid for energy contracts for the manufacturing company,” said Brown. She explained that if you know a little bit about manufacturing, you know that those electric bills could be millions of dollars every single year, especially for multiple facilities. This means people were nervous about negotiating those energy rates. That’s how she got started in the energy sector.

Energy Efficiency Program Coordinator for Resilient Buildings Group Tori Martin got her start in the clean energy sector through an office assistant role for a residential energy auditing company in Rochester, NH. She started off doing office duties and eventually evolved into more of a program manager for the company. She would schedule energy audits, talk to homeowners about their home and get them excited about the whole entire process.

The one thing Martin didn’t expect was becoming as passionate and involved as she is now. “I really started deploying energy efficiency and it kind of just flourished into the career that I have now,” she said. “I’m kind of a New Hampshire sales representative.”

She works with different customers and contractors, whether that be architects or engineers, to explain the benefits of the New Hampshire Saves (NHSaves) program. Right now she is working with commercial, industrial and municipal customers.

Brown and Martin both said that certifications in the energy sector were very important to getting certain jobs, certifications that can require you to work for a certain number of years in the field and depend on your school degree. For

example, Martin said that you typically need to be certified in energy auditing to perform energy audits on houses, a certification that Martin said was a good one. Another good certification, Martin said, was that of energy manager, which she hoped to soon become. Brown said she was originally going to get the Energy Manager certificate during the summer of 2020 but was unable to due to COVID-19.

Carleton Simpson, a UNH alumnus and regulatory attorney for Until, a utility company based out of Hampton, N.H., started his career as an electrical engineer and then went to law school at Suffolk University. Simpson said, “day to day, my responsibilities are representing the company in legal proceedings, regulatory proceedings, I work with state regulators, legislators, local officials and energy committees. I provide testimony, negotiate contracts and agreements with different market participants in the energy sector, help design rates, manage regulatory strategy for the company, help the company see what’s coming and how to best adapt.”

Simpson’s journey to his current job all started from his great experience at UNH back in 2008. When he was a student at UNH, he doubted whether electric cars would become popular. He said, “Frankly, Tesla was kind of new, and there was a lot of doubt about whether it would survive and if electric vehicles would really ever take off, but I was very interested in electric vehicles. And my senior year, I did two things really, I took a survey class in energy engineering. And I decided to build an electric motorcycle as my senior project, senior thesis project, to complete my engineering degree.”

Simpson said he had a feeling that he liked energy but didn’t know exactly what to do in the field, he then decided to go to graduate school at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) to study more about energy engineering and got his

master’s degree in electrical engineering. He then realized after starting in an engineering role at Until that in the energy sector there were opportunities for somebody that had a technical background, but also a legal regulatory background. So he went to Suffolk Law School at night, commuted back and forth to Boston for four years, and got a legal degree in energy and environmental law.

Simpson said that while he also agreed certifications in the industry were important, he also suggested understanding the math in the industry. “I would encourage folks to try to take some sort of engineering, economics, energy economics class. Just to give yourself perspective on what orders of magnitude you’re looking at, when we talk about power, a lot of time, we talk about kilowatts, or megawatts or gigawatts, kilowatt hours,” he said, emphasizing that understanding the scale of power plants is very important.

“It’s a very unique space,” Simpson explained because the energy sector is still regulated by the US government. “For those that are very focused on policy, and legislative action, it’s a really great area to focus in. There’s always a lot that can be done, many different perspectives in the sector, and we need a lot of good advocates who understand the dimension of the issues that we face, both environmentally and operationally,” he said.

When asked about failures within the industry, Simpson said the industry can seem like it moves very slowly. He said, “I think that over the last really two to five years, we’ve seen significant change. And we’re going to see even greater change over the next five to 10 years due to decarbonization initiatives, and really working to transform our energy supply to renewable and decarbonize resources. One of the reasons why it moves so slowly is because it’s very expensive. Energy is very likely the most capital-intensive industry in the world.”

Brown said that to get your foot in the door, “your first job doesn’t have to be in energy, you can always develop that in your first job, because every single place you work is going to use electricity, it’s going to have printers, you’re going to have lights. And there’s always opportunity to become involved in saving that energy. So I think that’s a great way to start or build. I also recommend when you start looking for jobs, to join your community, like I joined my environment and Energy Committee. While I was working at my other job, because I was interested in energy, I was able to learn more about what my community was doing, and then become involved in that. And I literally built a job from that involvement. So, engaging your community.”

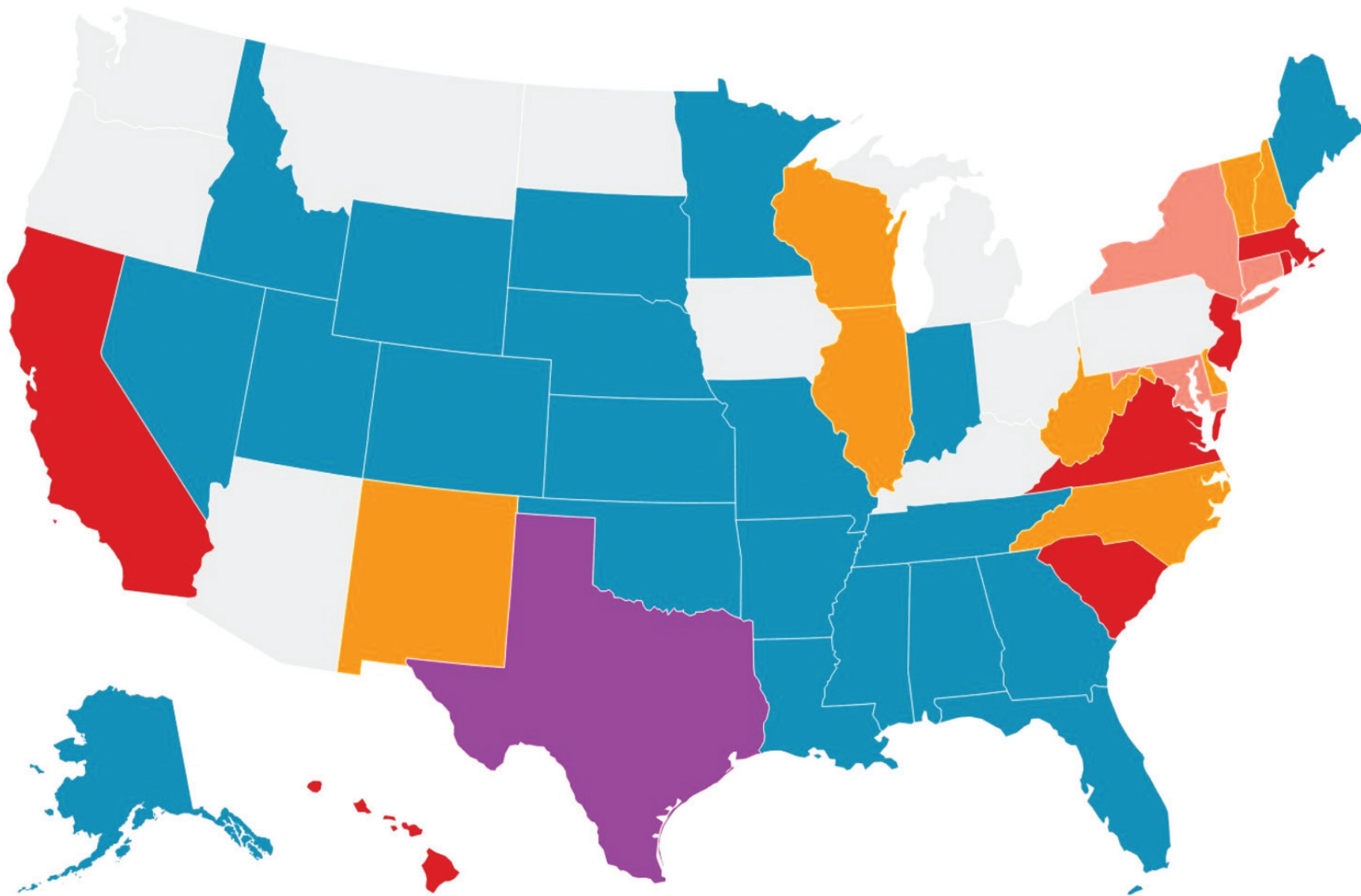
Martin mirrored what Brown said - that you don’t have to get a job in energy to start. “Since I started in 2014, I’ve had one job that wasn’t related to energy, but gave me a ton of experience. And I’m still using a lot of those skills in my job now. So, and the biggest thing, as Dorian mentioned, is just get involved,” Martin said.

Simpson said his advice to people looking to get into the field would be to go and learn what the assets and infrastructure looks like. He said, “you can’t really appreciate how the grid works until you been to an electric substation, until you’ve been to a solar facility and seeing how many panels there really are and the size of them, or that you’ve been to a generating station, or seen line crews rehang conductor from a storm where wires are down on the street, you gain a real appreciation for the business. And you see that it’s very physical, which is quite a contrast to when you think about electricity. It’s, it’s really a force in itself. It’s not a commodity like we think of like petroleum based fuels or water. It’s, it’s a force.”

COVID-19 vaccine shipped to US pharmacies

Federal Retail Pharmacy Program – CVS, Walgreens and Walmart

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A new public-private partnership aims to provide doses of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine directly to pharmacies nationwide.

Last week, the Biden administration announced they will ship doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to retail pharmacies across the U.S. The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination includes pharmacy chains such as Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aid, Walmart, and many more. The plan emphasizes that not all pharmacy locations in all states will receive doses in the initial stage.

Politico reported that the Biden administration is using the first couple weeks of the

initiative as a dry run - to see if it is working before scaling up the amounts. The initiative cuts out any “middle ground,” shipping the doses directly to the pharmacies.

“This will provide more sites for people to get vaccinated in their communities,” said Jeff Zients, White House coronavirus response coordinator. He said around 6,500 stores will receive doses of the vaccine in the initial stage of the plan. From there, the goal is to eventually scale up to 40,000 locations across the country.

Zients noted that equitable distribution of the vaccine is an important part of the pharmacy plan, as well.

WMUR reported that Walgreens will be the only retail pharmacy chain in New Hampshire to receive doses of

the vaccine in this initial stage. Vaccinations will start Friday for eligible groups. The Associated Press reported Tuesday that Walgreens will administer around 3,400 vaccines each week, at 34 of its locations across the state. Priority will be given to people in Phase 1B whose appointments are the farthest-out, said Gov. Chris Sununu.

The state of New Hampshire has been implementing a six-phase plan to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine. Currently, the state is in Phase 1B, which includes people over 65 years old, medically vulnerable at significantly higher risk, residents and staff of residential facilities for those with physical and developmental disabilities, corrections officers and staff, and first responders

and healthcare workers who have not yet been vaccinated. Phase 2A is expected to begin in March. Information on how and when to register to receive the vaccine in New Hampshire is available here.

It’s been just over 11 months since New Hampshire announced its first COVID-19 case. According to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), as of Jan. 21, 100% of the needed amount of first vaccine doses for Phase 1A had been allocated, with <1% of the doses for Phase 1B allocated - 2,685 of the estimated 325,000. Gov. Chris Sununu recently announced a procedural change in New Hampshire – appointments for the second dose of the vaccine will automatically be scheduled when people

receive their first shot.

There are currently 3,170 active COVID-19 cases and 159 hospitalizations in New Hampshire.

Only a small number of locations in New Hampshire are administering the vaccine at this time. Seacoast-area locations include C&J Trucking in Dover and Exeter High School. The state has recently expanded their operating hours for vaccination sites statewide.

Bloomberg noted that Feb. 1 was the first day the U.S.’s total number of people vaccinated (one or both doses) surpassed the total number of COVID-19 cases the country has had since the start of the pandemic. The U.S. has been administering the vaccine the fastest of any country in the world, around 1.34 million cases per day, ac-

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Successful opening for rise + grind

By Evan Edmonds
STAFF WRITER

Coffee and breakfast bar, rise + grind, opened successfully on Monday, Feb. 1 as planned.

Durham's newest coffee spot resembles its sister restaurant next door, hop + grind, both owned by two-time champion of the Guy's Grocery Games: Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives Tournament, Executive Chef Bobby Marcotte. The retro style decor is a familiar feel for hop + grind faithfuls, but unique as ever.

Offering a variety of local coffees, there are plenty of options to fit all kinds of unique preferences. The dark roast from Dean's Beans in Massachusetts is perfectly strong for those who like it that way and has plenty of flavor. They also offer a light and medium roast, and a vanilla iced roast as well. Rise + grind has a plethora of house made syrups. The cinnamon roast crunch is the perfect level of sweet to balance out the dark roast, while the vanilla smoke is reminiscent of a classic vanilla cold brew - the smokiness is bold but it doesn't overshadow the flavor of the coffee itself. Honey nutz appears to be the most coveted flavor of them all - it's been sold out on every one of my visits so far, but I'll get it soon, mark my words. Rise + grind is the place to go on campus for black coffee drinkers - if you like your coffee as is, you won't regret the varieties available at the new coffee bar.

The breakfast classics are done so well that they speak for themselves. A classic "wakey wakey" breakfast sandwich

with eggs, cheese and bacon, is the simplest item on the menu but should not to be overlooked. Paired well with a flakey and buttery croissant, the egg is perfectly cooked and the bacon crispy and full of flavor. The only problem at the end was wishing for another one.

The other side of the coin, the sausage egg and cheese was as rich as you'd expect. Throw it on a nice, freshly toasted asiago bagel and you've got one filling breakfast sandwich on your hands. To push it to the next level I added the chipotle bacon cream cheese, which brought even more savory goodness to the sandwich with a tasteful amount of spice.

The donuts were on another level. The crispness and sweetness of the flavors were clear indicators that they were fresh. The outside of the cinnamon powdered donut and the plain chocolate donut were delightfully crisped, but the inside was soft as a freshly fluffed pillow. These are the types of donuts that keep you going back for more because they aren't too filling. It's a dangerous trait - but it's the best way to do donuts.

Rise + grind manager Dayna DiCola said they were "so excited," to open on their target day, the first of the UNH spring semester. Since they have sold out of things in the first week "which is definitely not a bad thing," she said, they want everyone to experience their food, so they'll "have to adjust the amount of fresh, scratch-made products," DiCola said.

As always, Marcotte's latest



Evan Edmonds/ TNH Staff.

restaurant focuses on the "food experience," it's not just your average coffee shop or breakfast joint. Each visit from each customer is treated with the expectation of granting that

experience, leaving patrons well aware that they received "the best quality coffee, food, and service."

Rise + grind is open as early as 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily - if

you're a coffee drinker of a fan of breakfast classics, you can't miss it - head on down to 17 Madbury. #alwaysgrinding

Best & worst Super Bowl advertisements

By Hannah Donahue
CONTENT EDITOR

The Super Bowl is made up of two audiences - one that watches it for the football game, and one that watches it for the ads. I know that personally, I am part of the latter group. I watch the Super Bowl every year for the commercials, and I will openly admit that I always have no clue what is going on in a football game. And that's okay, because I get

to enjoy some awesome advertisements every year. This year has been especially interesting in terms of advertising in the midst of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, with many ads serving as a thank you for frontline workers and acknowledging the accomplishment of making it to this point when it has felt at times like all odds were stacked up against us.

This year, 30-second advertisement slots were going for about \$5.5 million each ac-

ording to Fast Company, and that excludes production costs. Some companies went above and beyond, spending millions of dollars in production costs to make it an ad that stands out to all viewers, and for others, their ads fell short. There were some notable companies missing from the mix, one example being Budweiser - who didn't advertise during the Super Bowl for the first time in nearly 40 years. Instead, Budweiser chose to donate their advertis-

ing budget to COVID-19 relief efforts. Despite Budweiser missing from the lineup of advertisements, there were still plenty of ads that were sure to be memorable - for the right and the wrong reasons. With lots of ads out there from the Super Bowl, I'll keep it short and give you my top three favorite commercials from the big game and my bottom three that missed the mark.

Top 3:
Huggies

I think that this commercial was probably my favorite in terms of concept but didn't stand out like some of the weirder ones. I felt like the idea of having the babies that were just born today was really unique because a majority of these commercials took months of planning and they were getting the Huggies commercial ready up to the last minute.

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Feel-good films about self-love



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By Allison Musitano
STAFF WRITER

Valentine's Day often is a mixed box of chocolates for a lot of folks. For both partnered people and single people alike, Valentine's Day is a feel-good time despite the coldness of February. But for others, well, the holiday can be a struggle. And after almost a full year of everyone having to limit their contact with other people, the love-centric holiday may be all the more bittersweet. However, love isn't just romantic or even solely platonic. With the stress of daily life as well as pandemic life, self-love may be more important than ever.

What is self-love? It's as simple as learning to nurture and value yourself. You accept the parts of you that make you, well, you, while accepting growth in your life. Naturally, it's easier said than done and not always a linear process, but through practicing self-love you can gain insight into what you need as a person and what makes you happy.

To celebrate self-love, here are five movies that embody the idea of self-love and learning to be yourself:

(Minor spoilers for the following films!)

1. Legally Blonde

By law (some pun intended), this film has to be on this list. While "Legally Blonde" starts off with Elle Woods, a heart-broken fashionista determined

to win back her ex-boyfriend by following him across the country to Harvard Law, the movie chronicles Elle's growth as a person. Her Harvard journey requires her to become more self-disciplined and studious as she challenges herself and the expectations of those around her and becomes more independent. With that, she learns that she can stay true to her optimistic, kind, and bubbly self while still being a successful lawyer.

One of the best qualities of "Legally Blonde" is how the movie rejects the notion that girls and women need to detach themselves from femininity to succeed and be taken seriously, and also addresses how this kind of sexism can harmfully pit women against each other. By having Elle overcome this sexism, support other women, and learn to live for herself, "Legally Blonde" manages to be both a fun and empowering movie.

"...If I'm going to be a partner in a law firm by the time I'm 30, I need a boyfriend who's not such a complete bone-head."

2. Penelope

This modern fairytale movie is a somewhat forgotten little gem from the mid-2000s but remains charming nonetheless. Following the footsteps of classic stories such as Beauty and the Beast, Penelope and her family seek to break a family curse that has left Penelope with the face (well, nose and

ears) of a pig. In order to break the curse, she must be loved by another of her kind, resulting in the family eager to marry her into another wealthy family. But as her suitors all seem to flee in terror of her face, including the one man she felt a true connection with, Penelope decides to venture out into the world on her own.

At times the movie can be a bit silly, but in a world of re-mixed and rebooted fairytales, Penelope manages to tell an original and sweet story about accepting yourself even if the world doesn't see your inner beauty.

"It's not the power of the curse - it's the power you give the curse."

3. Moonlight

The beauty of the movie "Moonlight" cannot be understated. Although there is a great deal of pain and struggles shown within this semi-autobiographical film, the sadness alongside the contrasting moments of tenderness throughout "Moonlight" exemplifies the importance of self-acceptance and the catharsis that can come with it after a lifetime of repression.

A film told in three parts, "Moonlight" follows Chiron as he comes to terms with his sexuality throughout his life, predominantly while living in Miami's impoverished Liberty City. While much of the film calls attention to the homophobia that Black gay men face within their community, there

are numerous instances of positive masculinity exemplified throughout the film. Opposite of the well-known concept of toxic masculinity, positive masculinity like the type shown in "Moonlight" centers around healthy self-expression of emotions: not being afraid to cry, to be tender with another person, to talk about feelings. Although life circumstances may cause Chiron to lose sight of the positive masculinity at times, self-love and acceptance still remain key themes in this stunningly shot film.

"At some point, you gotta decide for yourself who you gonna be. Can't let nobody make that decision for you."

4. Rocketman

At a glance, "Rocketman" may seem like a campy biopic. It is (wonderfully) true that there is not a shortage of musical numbers and fantastical cinematography in this movie about Elton John's rise to stardom. Yet at its core, "Rocketman" is a story about finding happiness and self-love. Even though Elton begins pursuing his passions early on, he struggles to find happiness throughout the film from the time he's a child to decades later while selling out stadiums. Fame and fortune aren't the cure, and in fact, enable many of Elton's self-destructive behaviors. It is only through seeking help for his addictions and realizing that he doesn't need validation from those who have hurt him that he seems to find happiness.

*"Sing, I'm gonna love me again
Check in on my very best friend
Find the wind to fill my sails
Rise above the broken rails
Unbound by any ties that break or bend."*

5. Waitress

Many people may be familiar with the musical adaptation of this movie, however, the original film is wonderful in itself. Telling the story of Jenna, a small-town waitress and talented pie-maker who finds herself pregnant with her abusive husband's baby, "Waitress" isn't a movie that's afraid to have its main characters be imperfect- and grow from there. Amidst the unhappiness in her life, she seeks comfort romantically and emotionally with her new male obstetrician, who happens to be married himself. However, the film is much more than a romantic dramedy. "Waitress" is about finding yourself through the people you love and learning to build yourself up even when life seems to be trying to knock you down. The resilience, tenderness, and overall charm of this movie will stick with you well past its ending, alongside its cast of vibrant characters and warm atmosphere.

"I was addicted to saying things and having them matter to someone."

Happy Valentine's Everyone!

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Indeed

I really liked this commercial; I found it to be very heartwarming. It reminded me of past Google commercials, but I can't put my finger on which one. Services like Indeed have been very important during the pandemic, and they conveyed that during the commercial. It was relatable to a good portion of the audience watching it, and the emotional appeal grasped its viewers.

Squarespace

Squarespace did a great job with this commercial in my

opinion. I think the only thing that could have made it better is if they had made it more relevant by incorporating the concept of working from home. I really enjoyed the visuals of this commercial when it went from a grey-toned outlook to a colorful scene. It paints the product in a more positive light by adjusting those visuals and having that effect on the viewers. I also loved the spin on Dolly Parton's 9 to 5 and felt like that gave it a very fun touch.

Bottom 3:

Oatly

The Oatly commercial was...

odd. Personally, I didn't hate it. The reason for it being in my bottom three, however, is because of all of the bad attention it's getting. I found it to be somewhat funny and it was memorable. It got people talking, which is exactly the point of Super Bowl commercials, but at the end of the day the talking wasn't good. People were saying things like "This made me want Oatly less," which isn't something you want people saying about your product, especially if you paid a lot of money for airspace during the Super Bowl. What many viewers didn't know,

however, is that the man singing in the commercial was actually the company's CEO Toni Petersson, who also wrote the jingle.

DoorDash

I had absolutely no clue that this was a DoorDash commercial until the end. If anything, it was a Sesame Street commercial and not a DoorDash commercial. The message wasn't delivered and didn't make a lot of sense. While I knew who the star of the commercial, Daveed Diggs, was I don't think he was a celebrity who is recognizable enough for it to resonate with

viewers. Overall, I wasn't a fan of this commercial.

Vroom

I really didn't like this commercial. It was really dark and strange, and I feel like there were more ways that they could've gone about this. I just think it was a little much and it doesn't really seem like there are people talking about it that much. I don't know if it entirely suited the "vibe" of the Super Bowl, where in the past commercials are typically a bit more light-hearted and funnier, as opposed to the somewhat scary look of the Vroom commercial.

Putting the past 'POTUS' in perspective

By Cee Annis
ARTS EDITOR

President's Day isn't exactly a holiday that people outside of elementary school or marketing departments tend to celebrate. While the day off for some workers is appreciated, it's a day that gets a shrug from most Americans. You won't ever be forced to endure weeks of President's Day songs in your local grocery store or surprised by them on radio stations that were certainly not geared to the holiday. Still, perhaps it could be used as a day to reflect on our country's past leaders - including the bad and the forgettable.

So enters David W. Jacobsen's

"Potus" a genre-mixing album that looks at former presidents who tend to be forgotten by the mainstream that was released last October. Highlighting both the best and the worst of eleven presidents, ranging from Chester A. Arthur to John Adams, Jacobsen tells a part of each president's story from their perspective. His lyrics are based on his own readings of various presidential biographies, though the actual events in his songs have been fictionalized.

Each song on "Potus" stands alone and at times, it seems like the songs could've come from very different albums. I do think some of the musical transitions between these songs

can be jarring. This album has songs that can encompass various genres, from folksy indie to rock, and it's not always a gentle change. The difference between the upbeat indie "Old Man Eloquent" to the jazzy "Leave My Bones in the Ground" definitely put me out of my vibe for a bit. On the whole though, I enjoyed the album's inconsistency. After all, not only is it all tied together because of the theme, but my favorite songs on the album broke from the mold of the first two songs (which are very indie).

"Potus" begins with "1799," a song based on John Adams and the split of the Federalist party that led to Adams

defeat in the election of 1800 - a topic those who've blasted "Hamilton" might be familiar with. It's the kind of song that I could imagine playing at a coffee-shop, with its peaceful guitar and soft drums. I'll admit that most of what I know about John Adams, I learned from the musical "1776" which notably and understandably did not cover his presidency, for obvious reasons. Getting to listen to these songs made me more interested in learning about presidents who aren't as prominent in the typical high schooler's history education (which, for me was a relentless cycle between the colonial period, the Revolutionary War and then the Civil War, with little in between.)

"Swing Around the Circle" sounds like it came straight from a villain song in a musical. It features a dramatic organ that compliments the nasally tone that Jacobsen takes in his Andrew Johnson perspective. With lyrics like "Don't talk of injustice/I came from nothing/to be where I am now" Jacobsen paints a picture of an unrepentant man, who cares little of other people's struggles (especially those of African Americans in the time after the Civil War) because of how he rose out of poverty to become president. It's a bop that I think is relatable in that, don't we all know someone who thinks because they accomplished something others have no barri-

ers to following their paths?

The only song on the album that is comparable in musical vibes is the one that follows right after it, "Samuel Tilden's Lament," a power rock song featuring the titular Samuel Tilden bemoaning his position being stolen from under him by Rutherford Hayes. It sounds like what one would sing when they're pacing the floor of their castle in the dark of the night, betrayal, hurt and anger in their eyes as they plot to take down the person who wronged them.

"Nothing Left to Do" is one of my favorite songs on the album. The upbeat melody contrasts sharply against the rather downer lyrics as Jacobsen sings out that "there's nothing left to do but get drunk" echoing Franklin Pierce's words when he failed to get renominated to run for president. It's definitely indie rock, but the kind that makes you want to dad-dance in your chair.

"Potus" might not be everyone's cup of tea and it (thankfully) will not unleash a deluge of President's Day music, but it's worth a listen at least once. At some points funny, other times tragic (looking at you "Never Asked"), it's a humanizing look at many presidents that have been ignored and forgotten. "Potus" is available to stream on Spotify, YouTube and Apple Music.



POTUS David W. Jacobsen

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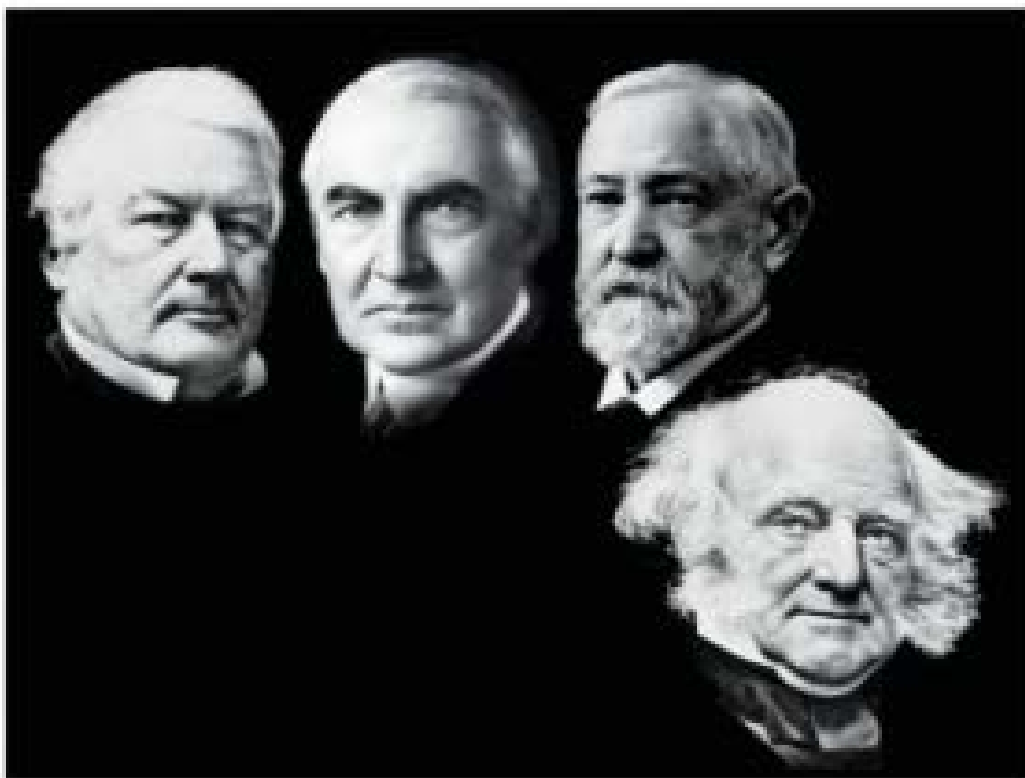


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Valentine's Day Love Letters

Dear Ellen, Emily, and Danielle
I am very lucky I got to be roommates with you all this year. Although you're all disgusted by my love, I know you'll appreciate it someday. Cheers to more dance parties, snacks, and TV shows that we watch together. Sending you all the love in the world. YOU ARE MY FRIENDS. Love you. Happy Valentine's Day <3 Love, Meg

Dear goy,
I miss you so much. I'm so proud of you. See you when I see you.

James, thank you for making me the happiest girl in the world.

Dear Tom,
I know this last year has been hard and I understand why you had to leave. As much pain as you walking out that door brought me I can't help but be happy for all your success since then. You were the best of us.
Love, New England

The first time we met I showed you unsolicited pictures of my cat, you didn't seem impressed and I thought that was it for us. Then you posted a video of you eating a pomegranate and I couldn't stop thinking about it. You are so funny. We've had 6 interactions since then and there's a slideshow to prove it all. I hope you're having a good day today and every day.

To: UNH Students
We believe in you!
<3 Your UNH CaPS team.

Happy Valentines Day Little Luna
<3

I wanted to write this to myself because I have become a bad b*tch over this last year. We live on a floating rock and that's your sign to do literally whatever the frick you want. Keep eating good food, drinking bomb drinks and doing your thang.

To the big orange man in the sports section:
C an you be my valentine
A re you thinking of me?
M ake me the happiest girl in the world

B reak my heart, you wont
E d Sheeran look a like
A ll I want is you
L ook at what's right in front of you!
L ove me, love me, love me!

Incredibly thankful to have friends and family that care about me so much. <3 Lots of love,
Cass xoxo

Dear TNH Staff,

I'm so incredibly grateful for each and every one of you. We're so lucky to have such a talented, driven, and fun group of people working on the newspaper. I can't wait to see all the amazing things you accomplish. Xoxo



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From the *Editor's Desk...*

Push through or deja vu

On February 10, the University of New Hampshire's (UNH) COVID-19 testing dashboard paints a picture of uncertainty.

With 75 positive cases reported on Feb. 9, the Durham campus has the scent of another possible remote instruction designation.

UNH has kept their position consistent pertaining to the rise in cases, which centers around the fact that thanks to the COVID-19 testing lab, the university is identifying positive cases even if the people aren't showing symptoms.

University spokeswoman Erika Mantz said in a statement to the Concord Monitor that "While any positive COVID-19 case is a concern, the university is identifying more positive cases as a result of its regular testing of all community members, not just those with symptoms."

Students and faculty are preparing for the possibility of moving to "orange mode," which restricts the face-to-face interactions around campus. Classes will have to continue of Zoom and all clubs and extracurricular activities will have to follow suit.

If the university does indeed move to orange mode, it will provide an opportunity for students to get healthy, get out of quarantine dorms and allow a COVID-19 reset on UNH's campus...or will it?

Even with a few weeks or even a month of supposed seclusion, there is no guarantee that it will reconstruct or fix the COVID-19 landscape in Durham.

A large portion of the positive tests that were reported both in the fall and in the first week of the spring semester originated at

fraternities and sororities. Greek life, while maybe not intentionally reckless in some instances, is very susceptible to COVID-19 outbreaks. Many of the members live in the same house which creates a beehive effect with the virus.

The situation is very similar on campus with dorm life, as

"UNH has done an incredible job with testing, contact tracing and remote instruction, but they can only control so much when it comes to COVID-19 and many are realizing that reality as they lay in their Adams Tower West or Babcock Hall bed."

the quarters are close in there as well. When the university tells its students to "limit their close contacts," they most certainly know that a college campus is not conducive for such an action.

UNH has done an incredible job with testing, contact tracing and remote instruction, but they can only control so much when it comes to COVID-19 and many are realizing that reality as they lay in their Adams Tower West or Babcock Hall bed.

A week or two break will not fix the larger issue that the university has. It's an issue that only can be solved by going full remote.

This was proven when schools like the University of New Haven suspended classes for a week in October due to rising COVID-19 cases. From the time they stopped in-person activities to when they resumed, their cases still continued to rise on and off

for over a month.

I don't think the university is near the point of a full shutdown, but I do think they will have to make a decision in the next few weeks.

While it's not totally controllable, the large number of positive cases shouldn't be taken lightly.

On Feb. 6, a University of

New Haven student passed away due to complications with COVID-19. He was a senior that had no prior health complications or ailments that would of suggested he could have significant issues with the virus.

I don't think UNH takes these possibilities lightly as they have taken every possible precaution to get students back on campus. But, they need to either lay in the bed they created and push through the struggles with more restrictions, or they need to move to a fully remote operation. Tip-toeing and trying to manage the cases when you have limited control of students will not work.

Josh Morrill
Executive Editor

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Angus Crookshank tallies 50th point as Wildcat



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UNH junior forward Angus Crookshank (#9) using his body to protect the puck against a perusing Merrimack defender behind the opposing net.

By Shaun Petipas
SPORTS EDITOR

During this challenging season for the University of New Hampshire men's hockey, it's been tough for them to string together wins without some of their leaders and top talent like junior forward Angus Crookshank.

Recently, Crookshank got back into the lineup and eclipsed the 50-point plateau against the Providence Friars by tallying an assist and a goal in the weekend set. He has since separated himself even further with a five-point performance against UMass Lowell. Since coming to UNH in 2018-2019, Crookshank has played in 82 games and has tallied 20+ points in each of the previous two seasons.

Before coming to UNH, the North Vancouver native played

for the Langley Rivermen in the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) where he played 77 games netting 32 goals and 35 assists for a total of 67 points. The Rivermen made the postseason in each of those seasons. He played in 13 total playoff games and continued his excellence there scoring 10 points, five of which were goals. In his final season with the Rivermen, Crookshank was selected to the top prospect game to compete with some of the top talent in the world.

Playing in the Hockey East alongside the best collegiate talent is nothing new for Crookshank, as he also has experience playing against the world's best prospects in the World Juniors Challenge. Team Canada eventually won the gold medal with Crookshank. The win actually came off a

game-winning goal scored by Crookshank to defeat team USA. After the World Juniors, Crookshank was drafted in the 5th round (No. 126 overall) of the NHL Draft by the Ottawa Senators hopefully adding to the long list of Wildcats in the National Hockey League (NHL).

Since joining the team in 2018, he has been one of the offensive leaders year in and year out. In his first season he posted 10 goals and 13 assists totaling 23 points, tying him for second on the team in goals and points. This helped him earn Hockey East All-Academic team and UNH Athletics' Rookie of the Year.

Head coach Mike Souza spoke about the talent that Crookshank brings to the ice and what kind of player he is.

"He's just a hockey player. I mean he had 12 or 13 shots the

other night for our stats. He's here all the time and we have to kick him out of here," said Souza. "He just wants to be a player so bad and the more he's developed into a 200-foot player the more effective he's been."

Souza realizes that Crookshank isn't perfect and described what he could still improve on as a player.

"He's continuing to work on his issues without the puck. The non-trained eye might miss some of his deficiencies without the puck, so those are things that we as coaches want to work on with him. His attention to wanting to be better and knowing that's going to help him be a more offensively productive player," he said.

He added, "He also represents the program incredibly well away from the rink. He's in all sorts of things on campus

like student advisory groups, commercials for the university, he's well-spoken and he's a great member of our program."

It wasn't just high praise from Souza that Crookshank was receiving, as assistant captain and recent line mate Eric MacAdams described what it's like sharing the ice and locker room with him.

"Honestly, he's a great talent and a guy to have on your team. Hockey is everything to him and for him to get rewarded with this milestone is a good thing to see," MacAdams said. "We're really proud of him and happy to see him adapt to the game here. We're just all really happy for him."

Crookshank has one more year of eligibility and will look to keep improving his game to try and make it to the next level and help UNH make a return to the postseason.

Keys for Celtics success ahead of All-Star break

By Spencer Marks
SPORTS WRITER

With just 13 games remaining before the NBA All-Star break, the Boston Celtics are still on track for a trip back to the playoffs. Although their play has been somewhat shaky lately, the Celtics still sit at the fourth seed in the Eastern Conference. To maintain this secure spot in the standings, Boston has their work cut out for them given the current shape of their club.

After a hard loss to the Phoenix Suns, Brad Stevens made an effort to make sure his team keeps their heads held high going into their next games.

"I told the team that now I am more encouraged than discouraged because you're

going to have days like this, and when you have days like that you going to give yourself a chance to win. You know we have to be nine points better, 10 points better on our bad shooting days. But that could have been one that could have easily been worse because of the way we shot the ball," Stevens said.

Perhaps the most important factor at this time is the health of Jaylen Brown. The wing is one of the top-two scorers for the Celtics to this point in the season. The team must keep a close eye on Brown to make sure he doesn't reinjure himself. Brown suffered from knee soreness and has sat out in games against the Los Angeles Clippers and the Phoenix Suns recently.

Before Tuesday night's game against the Utah Jazz Celtics head coach Brad

Stevens answered questions of Brown's status.

"Like I said, was feeling better Sunday," Stevens said. "So, he was trending towards playing today."

This ended up being the right call by Stevens as Brown led his team with 33 points and eight rebounds. There was not much to be worried about on the court from him Tuesday night. In his postgame press conference, he was asked about his knee.

"Yeah, it definitely felt better in the second half, but in the third quarter there was a stretch where it was bothering me a little bit," Brown stated. "It is moving in the right direction. I am looking forward to standing on the court and being there for my team."

Boston's offense wasn't effective in Sunday's game, but Stevens' advice to the team

seemed to float over their heads two days later as the Celtics lost to the Utah Jazz by a score of 122-108.

After the loss, Jayson Tatum was asked about the lack of breaks between each game this year.

"We're not having much time to practice, but we're all professional. We should be able to learn things on the fly," said Tatum.

March 25 marks the NBA trade deadline. The Celtics have the opportunity to be active in the coming weeks leading up to this date. After gaining a trade exception for \$28.5 million after sending Gordan Hayward to the Charlotte Hornets, the Celtics now have a chance to make a big move.

Rumors are also starting to float around as Kevin O'Connor from The Ringer

reported what he's been hearing regarding the Celtics.

"Late Saturday evening, I received a flurry of texts from multiple executives around the league who said the Celtics were up to something. What they're up to is unclear, but league sources have long said Boston is searching for upgrades to bolster its wing and big man position," said O'Connor.

The Celtics have yet to leak any names of players they have their eyes on, however, it's fair to expect a lot of rumors in the coming weeks.

The Celtics host the Toronto Raptors this Thursday at 7:30 pm. Being just one game above .500, Boston could use a win to get their team back on the same track they started on earlier this season.

Wildcats dominate NJIT to jump in standings

By Brackett Lyons
SPORTS WRITER

DURHAM, N.H. – University of New Hampshire (UNH) women's basketball (5-11, 5-8 AE) dominated the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) (4-13, 4-9 AE) on Sunday by a final of 76-67. The final score doesn't tell the whole story, however, as the Wildcats seemed to have the game wrapped up by halftime.

The first half was comfortable for UNH. Sophomore guard Helena Delaruelle got things started for the Wildcats with two three-pointers to start the game. UNH kept their lead for the entirety of the first quarter. Kelsey Hogan's team looked sharp after a two-week break between games. A solid team effort gave the 'Cats a 19-15 lead after the first quarter of action.

Things only got better for UNH in the second quarter. The Wildcats knocked down five three-pointers, including junior forward Ivey Gogolin's first of the season. The quarter was one of UNH's best of the season. Hogan's young team put up 26 points and allowed only 14 taking a commanding 45-31 lead into the locker room at halftime.

UNH stretched the lead to 18 to start the third. The Wildcats were less dominant in this

quarter, splitting the quarter 11-11. Thanks to their earlier efforts, the 'Cats were still comfortably in front 56-40.

Things got a little too close for comfort in the fourth quarter, however. After leading by as many as 18 points, the Wildcats saw their advantage dwindle to just seven points with 2:07 to play. A few baskets and long possessions from UNH secured the win that Hogan's team certainly deserved. Some late free throws gave UNH the 76-67 victory. The win sent UNH above NJIT in the America East standings as the fifth seed.

Coach Hogan complimented the team's performance and highlighted the first half and hot start after the two-week break in her postgame remarks. Hogan also called the late lapse in the fourth quarter a "growing piece" for the young team.

"The nerves are high because we haven't been there," she explained.

After the Wildcats' lead dwindled to just seven points in the fourth, coach Hogan called a timeout to reorganize her team. The advice given in the huddle was a testament to Hogan's understanding of her team's youth.

"We do a nice little breathing [exercise] during the timeout. We do a nice little inhale-exhale," said Hogan.

After a series split in early



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UNH junior forward Ivy Gogolin controlling the ball and organizing the offense

December, Hogan was incredibly proud of the growth of her team.

"I'm just really happy with the effort, especially our starting half. I'll even say the bench effort too in the first half was phenomenal," she said.

UNH's starting five all scored in double figures, led by senior guard Amanda Torres with 15 and closely followed by Gogolin with 14. First-year guard Adara Groman put up 12 hitting a pair of threes. Delaruelle and sophomore guard Brooke Kane finished with 11

each.

Gogolin, who added 10 rebounds and four assists along with her 14 points, said the game was an all-around team win. On how far the team has come since last playing NJIT, Gogolin said she was excited for the opportunity to show off the team's improvement.

"We try and to improve every day at practice," said Gogolin. "Two weeks is a long time I think we got better in that time and especially the two months since we played NJIT last, we've gotten a lot better."

This Wildcats team certainly looked better than the one showcased earlier this season. Apart from the narrow upset against the University of Maine, Hogan's team had lacked a statement win until now.

The 'Cats are back in action against UMass Lowell Saturday, Feb. 13, and Sunday, Feb. 14.

Wildcats split series with Providence Friars

By Dan Marshman
SPORTS WRITER

University of New Hampshire (UNH) women's hockey team (6-11-1) faced off against No. 10 Providence College (10-5-1) on Friday at The Whittemore Center. Coming off two straight wins against Merrimack College, the Wildcats kept their defensive intensity high.

The Wildcats generated an early advantage against the Friars with an 8-4 shot advantage in the first period. The Wildcats had an opportunity at the nine-minute mark when first-year forward Nicole Kelly put back-to-back shots on goal followed by a rebound by first-year defender Chari Kettle. Senior goaltender Sandra Abstreiter made the save, keeping the game scoreless after the first period.

The Wildcats were able to draw a penalty at the 5:22 mark to go on the first power play of the game. The power play came to an end at 5:41 when UNH committed a tripping penalty turning the power play into a 4-on-4.

UNH had another goal opportunity with 5:30 remaining when sophomore forward Tamara Thierus sliced to the right of the net but left the puck

short for Abstreiter to make the save. Providence had a 9-8 shot advantage in the second period, but the game remained scoreless.

Head coach Hilary Witt of UNH said the team's defense has been trending upwards over the last few games.

"With the young core we have, we've had our downs in the early half of the season," said Witt. "At this point in the season, we're in more of a rhythm and our younger players have more experience."

The third period began with offensive pressure from all angles for Providence. The Friars kept the puck in the Wildcats' zone for much of the final frame. Senior forward Grace Middleton almost put the Wildcats on the board at the 10:31 mark but she was saved by Abstreiter.

The Wildcats got the goal they'd been looking for all game with 36.4 seconds remaining. Kettle put the puck in the net for the Wildcats off a rebound. Providence pulled Abstreiter but the Wildcats were able to hold them off and get the win by a final of 1-0.

Coach Witt explained this was a great win for the team.

"We can play against anybody. Our record doesn't show how good this team is."

The Wildcats had held opponents scoreless in two straight games heading into their rematch Saturday with the Friars at Schneider Arena in Providence.

Saturday was a much different story for both the Wildcats and Friars. Providence got off to a hot start netting a goal less than two minutes into the game off the stick of First-year defender Brooke Becker. Wildcats Sophomore forward Jada Christian answered with an unassisted power play goal at the 10:11 mark. Christian stuffed the puck past Abstreiter to tie the game at one.

The Friars wasted no time answering with sophomore forward Isabelle Hardy scoring less than 30 seconds later to retake the lead for Providence. First-year UNH forward Avery Myers scored at the 17:40 mark with first-year forward Ciara Wall and senior defender Julia Scammell being credited with assists. The Friars had a 15-6 shot advantage in the first period but the score remained tied 2-2.

UNH Head coach Hilary Witt explained how the team is spreading out their goal scoring across the team this season.

"We haven't had just one goal scorer this year. Everyone on the team can get to the net,"

she explained.

Witt noted the leadership of juniors Lauren Martin and Emily Rickwood helping younger players find opportunities on the offensive end.

The Wildcats gained their first advantage of the game at the 13:59 mark in the second period when Myers punched in her second goal of the game. The goal came off a cross-ice pass from Kettle. The goal put the Wildcats up 3-2. The Friars were unable to net any goals in the second period but had a 12-10 shot advantage.

Coach Witt noted that the Wildcats defense all starts with the goalie.

"Ava [Boutilier's] been playing great, especially over the last few games," said Witt. "If she's stopping shots like she is, our defense is much more consistent. We play three freshman a lot and they've really stepped up."

The Friars came out firing in the third period launching a barrage of shots at Boutilier. Senior forward Hayley Lunny scored at the 2:07 mark to tie the game. Providence regained the lead at the 5:03 mark when first-year forward Lindsay Bochna netted her first of two goals in the game. Bochna scored her second at 14:13 to put the Friars up 5-3.

Wildcats junior forward Lauren Martin scored an extra attacker goal at the 17:44 mark when Boutilier was pulled from the net. Down 5-4, the Wildcats pulled Boutilier once again in hopes to tie the game. UNH was instead called for a penalty and forced to put Boutilier back in goal. The Friars held UNH to no shots after the goal by Martin giving them the win by a final of 5-4.

Wildcats Head Coach Hilary Witt said the team needs to be better at holding the lead in the third period but she's proud of their effort.

"This team never stops fighting if we're down," explained Witt. "The energy didn't change when they took the lead down the stretch."

Witt explained her current assessment of the team after the loss.

"I really like this team. We're a bit underrated and that's okay because you can strike when the iron's hot and catch your opponent off guard."

The Wildcats moved to 6-11-1 on the season and the Friars improved to 10-5-1. UNH will face-off against No. 3 Northeastern (13-1-1) in a home-and-home series this Saturday and Sunday.

Crookshank notches first career hat-trick

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University of New Hampshire (UNH) men's hockey (5-10-2) faced No. 20 University of Massachusetts Lowell (3-5) twice this past weekend. This was the first time all season the Wildcats were able to string together two wins in a series.

In the first tilt the Wildcats took an early lead at 11:31 in the first period courtesy of junior forward Jackson Pierson who poked the puck past the River Hawk netminder. UNH kept the pressure on in the first period putting up eight shots but was unable to extend the lead any further in the first. The 'Cats outshot the River Hawks 8-7 in the first frame and held tight defensively as UML went 0-of-2 on the powerplay.

In the second period UNH extended its lead on a goal coming from junior forward Tyler Ward who one-timed a pass from first-year forward Nick Cafarelli giving UNH a 2-0 lead. The River Hawks fought back in the second with a goal of their own coming off the stick of senior forward Charlie Levesque cutting the Wildcats lead to one. UML outshot the 'Cats in the period 9-8 and this time it was UNH who went 0-for-1 on the powerplay.

The third period was a back-and-forth affair where neither team wanted to give an inch. It looked like UML might tie the game up with a penalty shot at 7:38 in the third period but UNH senior goaltender Mike Robinson stood tall and saved the shot keeping it a one goal contest. UML eventually emptied their net trying to score the game-tying goal but UNH held onto the one-goal lead earn-

ing them the victory. Robinson made 25 saves in the game as UNH was outshot 26-19 and came out of the game with the W.

UNH head coach Mike Souza commented postgame on his team's and Robinson's performance.

"That was a big sigh of relief," said Souza. "I thought we had a great week of preparation. We carried over our play from Providence and we got outstanding goaltending from Robinson tonight. That was a big team win."

The second game was much more eventful as the teams traveled back to the Whittemore Center. The sides combined for 13 goals in this contest.

UML took an early lead in this one as junior defender Chase Blackmun buried the puck in the back in the UNH goal giving them the early 1-0 lead. UNH battled back, however, as junior forward Angus Crookshank ripped a shot from the high slot tying the game at 1-1. This was just the start of Crookshank's career night.

In the second, UML took an early lead with a goal from junior forward Lucas Condotta, but that lead didn't last long. UNH scored on the penalty kill coming from junior forward Filip Engarås who found space in front of the goal and forced a backhander in the back of the net. The scoring didn't stop there as UML scored two unanswered from sophomore forward Andre Lee and junior forward Reid Stefanson. The Wildcats answered before the end of the frame and it came from a tip off of Crookshank's stick in the low slot cutting the lead to one.



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UNH junior forward Angus Crookshank celebrates after he scored the game winning goal

The third period was the most eventful of the night as the River Hawks scored the first two goals of the period thus extending their lead to three. After the flurry of goals UNH pulled Robinson and replaced him with junior goalie Ty Taylor with 14 minutes remaining in the third. This was the boost UNH needed as they went on to score four unanswered goals the first coming from sophomore defenseman Kalle Eriksson who wristed a shot high glove side on the powerplay.

UNH earned another powerplay and took advantage of it by scoring another goal from senior forward Patrick Grasso who ripped one past the River Hawks goaltender from the faceoff dot. Grasso's goal pulled UNH within one with 10 minutes still remaining.

Crookshank took the game

over from that point on dangling around defenders and sent a wrist shot in front of the net to tie the game 6-6; this was Crookshank's first collegiate hat-trick. He didn't stop there as the two teams went into overtime. Just 17 seconds in, the junior walked in on a breakaway and finished the game with a shot high glove.

Robinson made 20 saves while Ty Taylor recorded three and earned his first win of the season. UNH special teams stood tall going 3-for-5 on the powerplay and only allowing one goal on five UML powerplays.

Souza didn't think it was their best game of the year but was happy to get the win and thought the goaltenders were timely with their saves.

"True team win, it could've got away from us early on, but Robinson kept us in it," explained Souza. "Then Ty

Taylor comes in for relief and makes three big saves."

He also gave high praise to Crookshank who totaled five points on the night.

"We had a clutch performance from the powerplay and Angus. He was outstanding tonight; I'm really proud of how our team played."

Coming back from down three goals and winning is a character-building game and coach Souza feels they aren't represented well by their record.

"I told our team that good teams find a way to win even when they don't bring their best game. I truly believe we're a better team than our record shows and I really mean that," Souza said.

Martinez becoming a star for the Wildcats

By Cameron Beall
SPORTS EDITOR

DURHAM, N.H. – University of New Hampshire men's basketball (9-8, 8-6) played in their seventh consecutive weekend and split their third straight series after going 1-1 against the UMass Lowell Riverhawks (7-9, 6-6). Fatigue has appeared to set in for the Wildcats as they let game one slip away by a final of 74-69. The team was able to salvage the weekend, however, by pulling ahead late on Saturday afternoon to win 74-63.

The Wildcats punched UML in the mouth early as junior forward Jayden Martinez continued his dominance to get his side ahead in the opening minutes of Friday's affair. With about eight minutes to play in the opening half the Riverhawks began to gain momentum and climb back into the game; they went on a 17-0 run to eventually take a two-point lead heading into halftime.

UMass Lowell head coach Pat Duquette commented postgame about how UNH will punish opponents early if they don't come ready to play.

"We were lucky that we were able to come back from that," said Duquette. "They were more ready to play than we were."

The Wildcats struggled to find their touch from that point on as the Riverhawks were able to keep Bill Herrion's squad in check even without their best player, senior guard Obadiah Noel. Noel, who is the likely frontrunner for America East Player of the Year, was scratched from the lineup less than an hour before tip-off.

UNH tried to rally back into the game late but came up short in the first game of the back-to-back.

Martinez once again led for the Wildcats with 19 points and five rebounds. Redshirt first-year guard Nick Johnson along with juniors Qon Murphy and Nick Guadarrama also scored in double figures.

In the second game of the weekend series, it was UML who took the early lead. The Riverhawks pulled ahead by as many as eight before UNH took their first lead with seven minutes to play in the first half.

The two sides volleyed with the lead until the end of the half. After a few late baskets the score was knotted at 31 points apiece as each team went into the locker room. The Wildcats were lucky to be tied at that point after shooting 34% from the field in that half and 27% from behind the arc. An increased defensive effort helped UNH after Herrion noted that he wasn't thrilled with their defense the day prior.

The Wildcats were clutching to a narrow lead for much of the second half and slowly began to increase their margin as the afternoon progressed. They got the lead up to 10 with just under five minutes to go and won by an eventual 11 points.

Martinez hit the dagger from the right corner to put his side ahead by nine and end

any hope of a comeback from the Riverhawks. He paced the Wildcats once again with 22 points and nine boards. The junior has been one of the hottest players in the conference over the last few weekends and Herrion is recognizing how much of a weapon he can be.

"He's made an unbelievable jump from his sophomore to his junior year. His game has really exploded. The problem now is that you have to play him and Nick Guadarrama basically the whole game," said Herrion after Friday's loss.

Herrion continued his praise after Saturday's victory, noting that he thinks Martinez has become a true star for the team at this point.

The Wildcats have also had a pair of redshirt first-year players in Blondeau Tchoukuiengo and Johnson emerge as the season has progressed. The tandem has combined for six America East Rookie of the Weeks with Tchoukuiengo coming away with the crown a week ago. This weekend

Tchoukuiengo averaged 10.5 points, 3.5 rebounds and 6.5 assists. Johnson averaged 14 points, four rebounds and 1.5 assists. These two look like the may be competing once again for their seventh Rookie of the Week honor.

Herrion made note post-game how good Johnson is scoring inside the three-point line, as well as highlighting Tchoukuiengo assist numbers from the weekend. Tchoukuiengo has given the team a lift defensively as well since being named the starting point guard.

Getting down into the final stretch of the season, Herrion explained how the one thing this team needs right now is a little rest. He says that his team is healthy, but they need to gain more depth and a weekend off would certainly help.

The Wildcats will have to wait and find out if they'll be granted a weekend off as the America East is yet to announce UNH's next batch of opponents.

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UNH to allow 500 students into the Whit

By Cameron Beall
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DURHAM, N.H. – For the first time in nearly a year, the University of New Hampshire (UNH) will welcome fans into the Whittemore Center to see live action between UNH men’s hockey and the Northeastern Huskies this Friday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Since sports began action prior to the new year, only essential staff and media had been permitted into the games. This fan-accessible trial run will serve as a potential glimpse into what will come as the school prepares for their spring football season.

The school will be allowing 500 students into the arena; no other outside fans will be permitted. Athletic Director Marty Scarano made note as to why only UNH student will be allowed into the game and why this is so important to them.

“We certainly are sensitive to the fact that most of the students’ extra-curricular lives have been stripped away from them,” said Scarano. “Yeah, we want to have students come to the hockey games to help the team, but it’s more about giving the student body some opportunities to live a normal life.”

He also highlighted the fact that the students are all under the umbrella of the UNH testing program which makes things less complicated.

Scarano highlighted how

this was a collaborative decision between athletics and administration including Chief Paul Dean, Vice Provost Marian McCord and Vice President for Finance and Administration Chris Clement. They looked at the situation very closely and came to the decision that under strict protocols this was something the school felt they could move forward with.

The athletics department has made it clear that this will be a one-game trial. Students along with everybody involved will need to make an effort to make sure things go according to plan if they want this opportunity to continue. Scarano noted

how there are a few hoops for students to jump through in order to gain access to their tickets but it’s all to make sure people are staying as safe as possible.

“If we do it well, we really hope that come March and April that we are allowing students to attend football games and soccer games,” Scarano explained.

To be able to gain access to the game students will had to have tested negative this week and produce a valid Wildcat Pass. Students are separated into groups with an allotted time slot in which they can go to UNHWildcats.com to claim

their tickets. The Cat Pack and the Pep Band had first choice at their seats, followed by seniors, first-years, juniors and sophomores. After each of these groups has their opportunity there will be a chance for any student to attempt to claim a ticket.

Once students select their seat, they will have to coordinate their arrival time based on the section they chose to sit. This will help ensure spacing and safety during the process of students entering the arena. This information can be found under the “Student Ticket Gameday Information” tab in the “Tickets” section of the

UNH Wildcats website.

During the game no concession stands will be open and no outside food or drink will be permitted.

The Pep Band will be performing; however, no wind instruments will be played to comply with the mask guidelines which will be enforced during the game.



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University of New Hampshire Wildcats face-off against the Maine Black Bears playing in The Whittemore Center Arena.

CAA announces 2021 fall football schedule

By Cameron Beall
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RICHMOND, Va. – The Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) released the 2021 fall football schedule on Wednesday morning just weeks before the conference is about to kick-off their spring slate of games. Each school has 11 games scheduled during the 12-week season set to start in early

September.

The teams will play four home and four road games as a part of their in-conference schedule. The remaining three games will come from non-conference opponents. Among these games include 12 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponents across the conference. Seven of the 12 games come from Power 5 Conferences.

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shire (UNH) football will begin their fall campaign on Sept. 4 when they head to New York for a date with the Stony Brook Seawolves. The season will wrap up on Nov. 20 with the usual Battle for the Brice Cowell Musket at Wildcat Stadium. The Wildcats won the musket back last time they faced but that could change when the two sides cap off their spring season in Maine.

The opponents set to pay

a visit to the Durham later this year are Towson, James Madison, Dartmouth, Richmond and Maine.

The Wildcats will go on the road to face Stony Brook, Lafayette, Pitt, Elon, Albany and Rhode Island. Pitt is one of four teams from the ACC to appear on a CAA schedule in the fall. The Panthers went 6-5 in 2020 including wins over No. 24 Louisville, Syracuse, Florida State, Virginia Tech and

Georgia Tech.

The Wildcats went 6-5 in the fall of 2019; their last time on the gridiron. This spring the team will tackle a six-game schedule where they will welcome UAlbany, Delaware and Stony Brook to Wildcat Stadium. UNH will face Villanova, Rhode Island and Maine on the road. The upcoming season will begin on March 5 and conclude on April 17.

