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## Familiar face takes on new role in UNH's "MUB"

By **Anna Kate Munsey**  
MANAGING EDITOR

On March 8, former Paul College Academic Advisor Melissa Beecher took over as director of the Memorial Union Building (MUB) and Student Activities.

Prior to her time at the University of New Hampshire (UNH), Beecher held the role of director of Student Activities and Leadership at Babson College. Before this, Beecher worked at the University of New England through Americorp, helping to provide community service opportunities for students. Each of these previous positions, as well as her bachelor of science degree in psychology from Wheaton College and master's degree in higher education and student affairs from Boston College, have equipped Beecher for success in her role as MUB director.

Beecher said her background in psychology and community involvement is a big part of why she chose her career and this "functional area" within higher education.

"I found it so beneficial to developing who I am and how I operate. And I want to provide those opportunities for others - for students to figure out who they are, what they're good at; find their people, figure out how they belong, because we all have things that we're good at that we care about, and so how can we foster that so that people feel like they belong in the community that they're in," she said.

While Beecher always knew

she wanted to work in the field of education in some way, she wasn't exactly sure in what role or capacity she would do this.

In her new position, Beecher's goals fall into various buckets: supporting clubs and organizations, leadership programming, infusing diversity, equity, inclusion and justice into everything they're doing and figuring out how to get morale back in place after a tough year. She acknowledged the many difficulties of the past year, and hopes that we will move forward positively.

"It's been hard, and as we start to return to normal I want us to think about what is the 'new normal,' and how are we doing that, better than before, like what's the good stuff we're going to hold on to... And then how do we move forward in bigger and better ways for the things that need some work," she said.

Everyone on campus and in the MUB has been welcoming and patient as Beecher learns her way around this new and unique position, she said.

Beecher is passionate about civic engagement, whether it's something as simple as voting in an election, or participating in community service through Habitat for Humanity or leading an Alternative Break Challenge trip. In addition to this, Beecher values advocacy work and hopes to bring diversity, equity, inclusion and justice into everything she does in this role.

She was inspired to apply for this position in order to get



Photo courtesy of Melissa Beecher

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## New vaccination site opens at Fox Run Mall

By **Ben MacKillop**  
STAFF WRITER

Starting this past Monday, the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination site run by the state of New Hampshire located at Exeter High School has closed down and been moved to the Fox Run Mall in Newington, working out of the former Sears retail location. The vaccination site is one of 11 locations run by the New

Hampshire National Guard and, in addition to the Dover vaccination site running out of the C&J Bus Lines, it is one of two locations in the Seacoast region.

State officials have said that the move has come as part of "ongoing efforts to improve the efficiency of state vaccination sites." National Guard Captain James Miller, who is in charge of the Newington vaccination site and former Exeter location has said that the move allows

for greater efficiency in vaccinations as well as prevents issues arising from weather now that the location is fully indoors.

Greater efficiency in vaccination sites is a chief concern of state officials especially in the coming weeks as signups for vaccination appointments have been gradually opening this week with all state residents 16 and up eligible to sign up starting Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Despite all New Hampshire

residents being eligible for the vaccine in the coming weeks, Gov. Chris Sununu has made it clear that out-of-state college students will not be eligible for the vaccine in the state. This decision comes much to the dismay of Durham town manager Todd Selig who has advocated for all UNH students to receive the vaccine given the high case numbers in Durham over the past few months.

According to the NHDHHS state COVID-19 site, Durham

currently has the third most active cases in the state at 76, only trailing Nashua and Manchester in positive case numbers. UNH currently has 116 active positive cases, 112 of which are among students, with a consistent rate of 10-20 new positive cases each testing day over the past month.

Currently the state of New Hampshire ranks in the middle

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back into her “functional area,” focusing more specifically on student affairs and student involvement.

“After a competitive search process, Melissa distinguished herself with many years of experience managing a student union and student activities prior to joining UNH,” said Stacey Hall, executive direc-

tor of student engagement and development at UNH in a press release. “I am excited for Melissa to lead the MUB and Student Activities to better meet the needs of our students and community.”

As MUB director, Beecher will work with assistant directors, MUB employees, leaders across campus, and many others on student activities, development, programming, and more.

“The thing I am most excited about is helping to cultivate a culture where people can find their place... I’m honored and excited to be part of something like that,” she said.

Throughout her time at UNH so far, Beecher’s proudest accomplishments are working on the Rutman Leadership Fellows program and creating Spark, a pre-arrival orientation program for first-year students. In both of these projects, she

said she was able to collaborate with many great campus partners to fill needs in the university, and help students grow and adjust to life at UNH.

Beecher lives in Maine with her husband and two step-kids who are thirteen and almost fifteen.

If she could put an ask out to readers, Beecher would like everyone to practice gratitude in their lives. “I would ask that everybody take a minute to

think about someone they’re really grateful for... and then just let that person know, because I think sharing that appreciation and that gratitude can be such a small thing but it can make such a difference... I think right now we all need a little grace, we all need a little kindness. And if we can share some gratitude with other people, then I think that will go a long way,” she said.

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of the pack on the national stage in terms of percentage of population vaccinated sitting at 30% - just above the national average of 29%. In-state college students can register for a vaccine appointment along with all other eligible residents 16 and up starting Friday at 8:00am using the state’s vaccine website at [vaccines.nh.gov](http://vaccines.nh.gov).

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## UNH to implement possible bike sharing program in 2022

By Shawn Latulippe  
DESIGN EDITOR

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) has been flirting with the idea of having a bike share program for a long time according to Ritzman Lab Special Projects Director Steve Pesci, and now, technology has given them the opportunity to implement this idea. This initiative comes with support from students and Durham residents, and it could be implemented in the spring of 2022.

Pesci said there has also been some talk about electronic scooter shares, which hasn’t proven to be very feasible for numerous reasons - although it’s not off the table. Pesci said new technology means that they could enforce a bike share system much better than in the past and possibly have ways to

track the bikes using geo fencing. They also are considering a bike rental service as well. They have been working with Oyster River Cycle and Sport to find a way to implement the plan, but first they need the support of students. They have also been trying to work on ways to improve upon current bike trails and bike storage at the university.

The survey put out to UNH students has seen over 180 responses so far and most students have supported the idea. The survey is open until April 15 for students to take. The survey also questions students about the funding for the program and what prices they would find reasonable. The survey was advertised on flyers on campus and in dorms and on the UNH Facebook pages.

Changemaker Collabora-

tive Program Assistant Kendall Gray said that a bike share program would be great for students in dorms that are far away from other places on campus like the Minis, Christensen and Williamson, the Gables, and others. She also believes it could be a great social outlet for first-year students.

Another group that could benefit are international students and students that live far away, which may make it difficult to bring their bikes to campus. It would also help students that have a bike but don’t want to bring it for fear of it being stolen. The bike share program could also be open to staff at UNH and Durham residents, but they may have to pay a slightly higher fee than students to use it.

Pesci explained that UNH

is fundamentally a walking campus, supplemented with the free transit service, so the next natural step would be to expand biking on campus. But with this he also wanted to emphasize that he hopes they could find a way to encourage students to wear helmets while biking. He himself had a bike accident where a car hit him and he survived - thanks to his helmet. Gray also agreed that it would be great to find a way to convince students that wearing a helmet is essential to their safety. When she was a student she admitted she wouldn’t always wear a helmet when biking short distances, but now believes it’s incredibly important.

Both Gray and Pesci agree there is a lot of support for the idea from students, specifically students in outdoor programs at

the university.

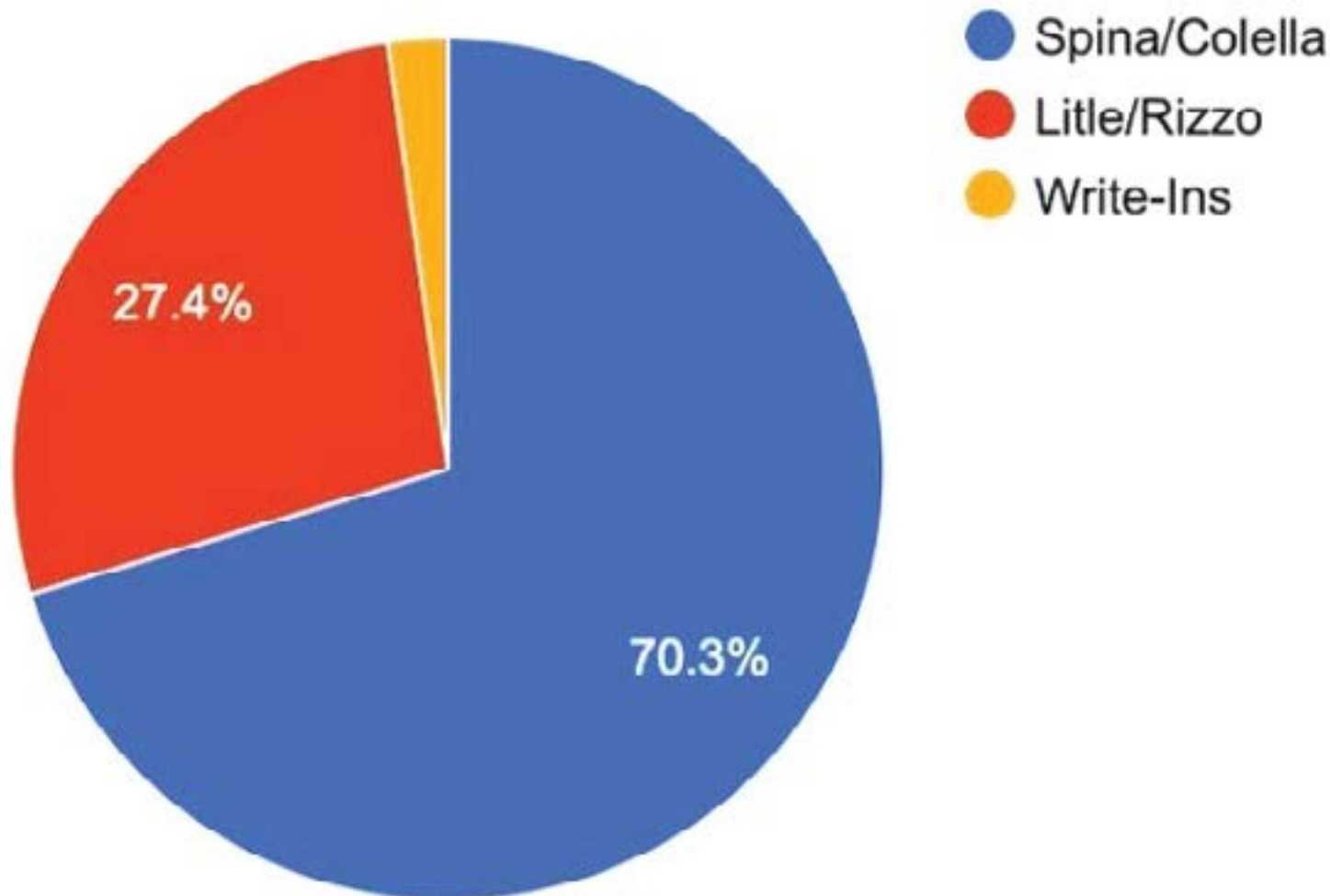
The program also has a lot of support from people concerned about environmental impacts and climate change. The bike share or rental program would make the campus even more sustainable and also give students a chance to explore the campus even better. “Durham is beautiful,” Pesci explained, “and there’s a lot of great spots in Durham to go that are imminently accessible on a bike and it’d be nice to just get away from campus for a little bit, and see that the real world does exist.”

To take the survey and voice your opinion on the matter, here is the survey link: [https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8FYCUjLWLWZ10QC](https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8FYCUjLWLWZ10QC)

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# Student Senate General Election results

## SBP/SBVP



*Photo courtesy of the University of New Hampshire.*

### By Aqeel Hisham STAFF WRITER

On March 28, the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire (UNH) sent out an email to the student body regarding the general election results that are pending Senate approval. Sophia Spina and Alex Colella, who ran for student body president and vice president respectively, won the election, receiving 70.32% of the votes against their opponents, Sophia Litle and Samantha Rizzo. Meanwhile, the result for the University System of New Hampshire (USNH) Board Representative was one of the closest to date, with Reshma Giji winning the position over Jonathan Merheb by 1.29%.

Student Senate Election Committee Leader Igor Garcia said that although this year's general election was done in an unconventional way compared to previous elections, the committee still managed to support

the candidates during their campaigns, as well as hosting a conducive environment for the debate that took place in the Memorial Union Building (MUB). "We did a hybrid (in-person and online). We opened up for candidates and the election committee [to attend the debate in the MUB] while we invited the whole student body over Zoom," he added.

Garcia was very pleased with the outcome of the debate. "It was a pretty good debate on both ends. Both candidates seem to be pretty knowledgeable at answering some of the hard and interesting questions," he said. "Everyone was really prepared."

As the leader of the election committee, Garcia stated that his the main duty was to ensure a fair election for all candidates by making sure that both parties are adhering to the rules of campaigning such as staying within the budget of \$750.

Besides that, the committee also played a big role in help-

ing the candidates by supplying them with flyers and posters for their campaign. "The way we help candidates was by printing out flyers and handing them to ResLife so that they can be posted up on halls," added Garcia. Though, he clarified that all of the candidates receive the same number of flyers from the election committee during their campaigning period.

However, due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), the election process wasn't as easy as it seemed. Garcia said that the biggest obstacle that the election committee had to overcome was maintaining the privacy of certain information. "We have to do stuff online mostly this year, so we did have to share some things online," he commented. Aside from that, Garcia also said that it was harder for members of the Student Senate to meet in person and discuss issues relating to the election due to the reduced number of people allowed to be in a room at the

MUB.

The total number of valid votes for the student body president and vice president was 1,705 while the number of valid votes for the USNH Board Representative was 1,710. According to Garcia, half of the total verified votes were completed within 24 hours of the polls being open but slowed down after. Regarding the low number of votes, Garcia replied, "I guess it was just the lack of interest from students."

The Student Senate also sent out a few reminders to students as an initiative to promote voting. "I got a few responses from some people asking us (the Student Senate) to stop emailing them, and some replied, 'No one cares.'" Garcia was saddened by the fact that people don't really understand that voting for the leaders of the student body is actually important.

"As someone who's been in the Senate for almost two

years, all I can say is that we're the official voices for students. I've seen a lot of petitions circling around or students who said they want to do something in order to change something but a lot of them don't seem to realize that's not how you're going to get things done," he said.

As of right now, the Student Senate is going through the process of verifying the votes and will have the finalized result by April 6. This is to ensure fairness to all of the candidates and give them a chance to report any discrepancies if present.

After the results have been finalized, the student body president-elect and vice president-elect will then move forward into the one-month transition period where they will work with the current Student Body President Nicholas Fitzgerald and Vice President Tyler Silverwood to ensure that they are prepared to lead the student body this coming fall.

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# On the Spot

## with Sophia Spina



*Photo courtesy of Sophia Spina.*

## Spina elected student body president for 2021-2022 school year

**By Aqeel Hisham**  
STAFF WRITER

Improving mental health care resources, assuring transparency, and achieving campus diversity and unity - those are the goals of Student Body President-elect Sophia Spina. On Sunday, March 28, Spina and running mate Alexandra Coella were elected as the 2021-2022 student body president and student body vice president, respectively. A junior, Spina is majoring in psychology with a dual minor in writing and English, and although she may be regarded as a new face to Student Senate, she has ample experiences from her time in the organization.

A Maine native, Spina has been involved with the Student Senate ever since her freshman year. At that time, she was the third-floor representative for her dorm building, Christensen Hall.

"I got introduced to Senate, and I just kind of fell in love with it and I was not like the most involved senator, but I just love being there and being a part of that community," she said.

However, unlike most senators, Spina's love-at-first-sight with the organization was not because of her exposure to Senate during U-Day, or her background. In fact, the first Senate meeting that she attended was as a proxy for a friend who was in the Senate.

"I actually didn't want to attend the meeting at first, but my friend Gabby, who was also the senator for Christensen [begged me to] because she couldn't make it to one of the weekly meetings on Sunday," she explained.

She said that her initial experience with the Student Senate was very pleasant. "I didn't do too much during my first meeting [as a proxy], but everyone was really friendly," she said. Additionally, she said that then-president Ethan McClanahan was very welcoming to her, which was when she initially became inspired to run for the student body president in the first place. "He (McClanahan) did such a good job and made everyone feel so comfortable and in Senate. He made it feel more casual and fun than other people I've seen [in that position]," said Spina.

Running for the student body president and vice president role has always been at the back of Spina's mind. The idea initially came when students were sent back home last March. "I texted my friend (who was also in Senate) and said that we should definitely run [for the positions], we would do such a good job," she said.

Spina's idea was more of a "joke" at first, however, the recent loss of a friend due to suicide really gave her the push to step in and take action. "My good friend from UNH took his own life, and it made me realize that mental health resources aren't where they need to be and everyone is suffering because of the pandemic," she said. This was one of the reasons she believes why mental health care resources at UNH should be improved.

Aside from that, when asked about her thoughts regarding the biggest issue within the UNH community, she said that during her initial years of being in the Senate, she felt that there was a disconnection between all of the student organizations, especially the Fraternity and

Sorority Life (FSL) community.

Although she hates to say it, she admitted that UNH is a "cliquey" school, which is a hard pill of a fact to swallow for some students. "Nobody in FSL wanted to be in Senate and vice versa. So, when I was involved in both FSL and Senate, I just think that we need to implement more ways to unite the campus rather than to create episodes of it. I want to implement ways that unify the student body and decrease divisions among students," said Spina, who is also a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

In light of what has been happening around the country, Spina also hopes to increase and promote the importance of diversity since UNH is a predominantly white campus. "I am not a person of color and I don't want to speak on behalf of them, but I am hoping to work with as many people of color as I can to help me and the rest of the campus understand [their experience] and get the word out about diversity to help the campus become more unified and diverse in general," she commented.

The Student Senate scandal in 2019 has resulted in the organization's reputation taking a dip. Spina said that she wasn't sure if Senate handled the situation accordingly. "They kind of just shut it down... I don't think Senate's reputation has really recovered from that," she said.

However, Spina hopes to remove that stigma from the Student Senate and create a friendly and welcoming environment within the organization. "I want to make Senate more inviting and friendly, just like how it was when I was a freshman when everyone enjoyed going to the meetings and isn't feeling angry or hostile like it currently is right now," she added.

Spina believes that she and vice president Alex Colella have what it takes to lead the student body this coming fall. "I think with the resources I have through Senate along with the connections I've made, I think I can do a pretty good job accomplishing the goals I said I would," said Spina.

# Freedom Café moves to Main Street



*Photo courtesy of the Freedom Café.*

**By Isabelle Curtis**  
STAFF WRITER

Established as a nonprofit café dedicated to ending human trafficking and the commercial exploitation of people, the Freedom Café has made a home in the basement of 10 Mill Road since 2013. However, after several years of planning, the café is officially moving to 37 Main Street later this year.

Bryan Bessette, Freedom Café president and co-founder, explained the move was the first phase in a larger community development project. The Freedom Café, partnered with the Foundation for Civic Leadership (FCL), also has long-term plans to open up a location at 74 Main Street, next to the UNH & Seacoast Chabad Jewish Center. The new building will serve as a “multi-functional community

space for social, civic, cultural and change-making gatherings.”

“[This will] really be a space that epitomizes what coffee shops have been throughout history. This place of revolution, insurrection, transformation. So, we’re excited to expand on that and work with dozens of more local organizations to put this space together,” said Bessette.

The Freedom Café suspects it will be another couple of years before the move to 74 Main Street with the development. In the meantime, the café plans to roll out more food options at their new location, including a more robust breakfast menu and crepes. More lunch options will also be offered after the 74 Main Street move.

One of the most important components of the Freedom Café’s mission to end human

trafficking is ethical food consumption. Many café staples, such as coffee, sugar and chocolate, are also products that have the highest rates of human trafficking. For example, at least 20 countries use forced or child labor for the production of sugar, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Bessette explained that being intentional about ethical food sourcing not only raises people’s awareness, but paying farmers living wages can help them build their local economies. The Freedom Café has seen some of their coffee suppliers transform their small, under-resourced economies into thriving communities with youth soccer leagues because they had the resources to employ other members of their community.

“It’s exciting to know that we’re investing in that all the way through the supply chain,”

said Bessette.

The Freedom Café has also invested in many other projects to help end human trafficking. Since their opening in spring 2013, the café has raised over \$60,000 for their mission. In addition, they have raised funds for Brigid’s House of Hope, Child Voice and New Hampshire Human Trafficking Collaborative Task Force. The Freedom Café also helped build a clinic in Nepal that decreased the number of local women dying in childbirth by 45%. Most recently in 2019, they hosted two students from Mumbai who grew up near the red-light district to help them learn vocational skills.

Unfortunately, the Freedom Café’s 2020 fundraising for Brigid’s House of Hope was halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With community support, they still raised \$10,000 for local food pantries

and charities during the beginning of quarantine.

However, like many Durham businesses, the Freedom Café is still feeling the effects of COVID-19. The pandemic has halved the number of daily customers, according to Bessette. He explained the main reason for the decrease is the café hasn’t been able to host their usual 3 or 4 weekly events. However, he plans to continue the café’s weekly live performances, such as Perform for Freedom and a new jazz brunch, in the future.

“Things are starting to turn the corner and people are feeling more comfortable being out, so we’re optimistic,” Bessette said. “But I think the move to Main Street will bring the Freedom Café a lot more visibility and help us connect with a broader audience in the Durham community.”

## Spilling the tea since 1911

# Rrramon's delays reopening until fall semester

By **Evan Edmonds**  
STAFF WRITER

Ramon's Food and Coffee Cart on 20 Academic Way will remain closed until the start of the fall 2021 semester.

After initially planning to reopen in April, the announcement was made on the Rrramon's Facebook page early this March that they would not be returning to the University of New Hampshire (UNH) campus until August. The post details the complications interfering with the return of the campus favorite coffee cart, but said those who still want delicious White Mountain Coffee can arrange a pick up time on campus with owners Ramon and Kristen Valdez.

Due to the uncertainty regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) cases on campus, including the conversion to orange mode of operations in February, they said it was best for them to postpone their reopening.

"This was a very hard decision, but it's a decision that works best for us at this time. We thank everyone for their support and patience, concerns and kindness," the post said.

In the meantime, Ramon and Kristin said they have been taking days one step at a time and caring for their family. They said they miss the UNH community very much and all the support has been heartwarming.

Rrramon's feels confident that the COVID-19 situation on campus will continue to improve as more folks get vaccinated and they look forward to opening "full swing" when the fall semester comes around.

For those who love Rrramon's coffee - White Mountain - they can reach out to Ramon and Kristin through Facebook on Monday or Tuesday with the flavors they want for one pound bags and arrange a time to pick them up by Friday of that week. Students can also order on the White Mountain Coffee site for delivery by mail. Their site features a variety of unique flavors that are yet to be featured at Rrramon's, like Cinnamon Hazelnut Creme, or Mint Chocolate Chip. Don't forget some of the classic Rrramon's favorites though: like White Chocolate Macadamia Nut and Christmas Cookie.

Support for Rrramon's among the UNH community has been resonating ever since



they packed up for winter break. On the UNH music department Instagram, Rrramon's Food and Coffee Cart was the winner of their March Madness themed UNH eatery bracket. The music department shared its excitement to welcome Ramon and Kristin back to campus next fall.

A GoFundMe page was

started up in February for an "end of the year tip" to help out Rrramon's from the lack of business as a result of the pandemic. Kelly Dixon, a UNH senior, started the fundraiser to help out Ramon and his family as small businesses have been impacted so heavily from all the factors of the pandemic. So

*Photo courtesy of Ramon Valdez.*

far, the page has earned \$2,315, way over the listed goal of \$500 with a total of 106 donors.

On the Facebook page, Ramon thanked everyone in the community for the support and wrote: "I miss all of you students faculty and staff. I promise I will be back as soon as I can."

# Out-of-state students not eligible for vaccine in N.H.



*Photo courtesy of the University of New Hampshire.*

By **Hannah Donahue**  
CONTENT EDITOR

Starting Apr. 2, New Hampshire residents age 16 and older will be eligible for the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination, said Gov. Chris Sununu in a press conference on March 25. This decision, however, does not include out-of-state college students or international students.

The exclusion of out-of-state college students from vaccinations has been taken as a troubling announcement for towns like Durham that are primarily considered college towns. Of the University of New Hampshire's (UNH) more than 15,000 total students, approximately 44% are in-state

students who would be eligible for the vaccine in the state.

In the town of Durham's Friday Update on March 26, Durham Town Administrator Todd Selig called on Sununu to rethink this action for the sake of the town.

"Admin. Selig has urged that this approach be revisited, indicating that the development of a vaccination POD for students at the University of New Hampshire in Durham (and in other college towns), similar to what was just undertaken for ORCSD staff, would present significant public health benefits for host communities like Durham," the update said.

The update also suggested using the "one and done" Johnson & Johnson vaccination in order to vaccinate the UNH and

Durham communities in a swift manner.

In a prepared statement, Selig said, "Vaccinating college students as soon as possible in host communities with large concentrations of students like Durham, Keene, Plymouth, Hanover, New London, etc. is very important for the health and welfare of all of our municipalities, our residents, and for the state as a whole."

Sununu justified his decision in a press conference, stating one reason for his decision - that many colleges are approaching the end of the academic year and there would not be enough time for them to receive their second dose prior to going home.

"Even from a practical standpoint, it doesn't make

much sense to offer it to out-of-state college students that are currently here. It just makes more sense for them to go back to their state, be part of their system, and get the vaccine while they're home," said Sununu.

In addition to Selig's efforts to get Sununu to rethink his decision, according to Seacoast Online, nonprofit New Hampshire College and University Council (NHCUC) is also urging Sununu to change his mind. The council is a consortium of 21 public and private colleges and universities in New Hampshire including UNH.

NHCUC Chair and President of New England College Michele Perkins said, "The New Hampshire College and University Council has entered into

discussions with the Governor's Office to identify a timeframe for out of state students to be eligible for the state's VINI registration program."

While Sununu's decision currently stands, New Hampshire residents continue to urge him to reconsider. In an opinion piece with InDepthNH.org, former state epidemiologist Rich DiPentima wrote that he felt Sununu's decision "makes no public health sense and places NH residents at risk."

"This virus does not know the difference between a student who is a NH resident and one who is a resident of another state living in one of our college towns," stated DiPentima.

## Young fashion designer donates to COVID-19 relief



*Photos courtesy of MAD-X.*

**By Aubrey Benoit**  
STAFF WRITER

MAD-X started less than a year ago. With an array of tie-dyed sweatsuits and stickers, designer and owner, Madeline Hixon has sold her works of art to profit all those who have been impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The 26 year old studied fashion and production out of Lasell University. The tie-dyed loungewear was actually an accident by Hixon during her quarantine hobbies. “When you go to fashion school you learn how to make a brand,” Hixon said. There’s a specific niche she wanted to make; Scott Disick matching, acid-wash sweat suits sold by his company, “Talentless,” sparked her eye the most. However, the personal tag on her clothing is what makes it different from everyone else.

She purposely prints the tag of her clothing on the front, for all to see exactly what her company represents. “Made in the USA. A portion of the proceeds

going towards families & businesses affected by COVID-19,” MAD-X apparel reads. Hixon is hoping that if people know that the clothing gives to those struggling with COVID-19, it will encourage them to be kinder.

In her graduating year, Hixon left Lasell University with a bang. Her final project was circulated around “disorders and diseases” that are not seen as beautiful to the eye. By taking the cell mutations of said diseases and disorders and putting them on the outside, she was able to make beautiful garments to be displayed. This was Hixon’s first inclination that she wanted to do something more than just making clothes.

Hixon was working in New York City when COVID-19 hit and she had to move back home. With rent and other necessities to pay, Hixon knew she had to come up with some extra cash to help herself out. She had played around with a bleach dye set over quarantine and her manager suggested she

sell them. As an avid traveler and YouTuber, Hixon’s following on social media was strong enough for her to put her work out there and get something out of it. After posting a few pictures and collaborating with influencer Alisha Marie, her company, MAD-X, took flight.

MAD-X stars Hixon as the CEO, a manager to handle inquiries and take photos, an intern to market on social media and a few models. Their collaborations work together perfectly to make the magic that is MAD-X.

“I’ve always wanted to give back to something beyond clothing; fashion has this rap of being very superficial,” Hixon said. Her empathy and drive to develop something that represents more than looks is incredibly progressive for the fashion industry.

From mass production to greenhouse gases from factory functions, big fashion industries are becoming more corrupt, according to Sustain your Style. You never really know where your money is go-

ing. “I think people are starting to realize how cool it can feel to promote a small business,” Hixon said.

All of MAD-X packaging and thank you notes are 100% recyclable, while their stickers are 100% compostable. They work incredibly hard to be environmentally friendly. “We care a lot about the environment and are trying to not turn into those brands that are adding to all the plastic and waste because we don’t have that much longer,” Hixon said.

Between The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to a Black southern women’s consortium, MAD-X works with a variety of beneficiaries in order to give back to a broad spectrum of people directly affected. There are even individuals who would reach out to Hixon personally about their struggles during the pandemic and she would help them out.

Hixon has even given back using her own money. In 2019, she visited Ghana and bought the children paper and pens so

they didn’t have to write with chalk anymore. “When you see it first hand, the actual impact a little thing can make... it drove home my need to be more philanthropic and to see my life out of my own privilege,” Hixon said.

Once the pandemic dims, Hixon hopes to keep the same philanthropic ideology. She would love to create a lifestyle brand through collaborating with local companies, showcasing small businesses to make something more than loungewear.

There’s still a lot to learn for a company that is less than a year old, but Hixon has managed to donate \$3000 so far. “We hope to get to 10K by the end of 2021,” Hixon said.

MAD-X is a reformative and forward-looking company that is focused on granting the impaired parts of society. A trendsetter and inspiring designer, Hixon sets new standards for the future of American fashion.

# MAD-X

A PORTION OF ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID-19



# Seaspiracy or ConspiraSea?

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DESIGN EDITOR

The new Netflix documentary “Seaspiracy” made a splash of controversy on more than its content about the horrors of the fishing industry; this controversy came from many viewers who believed it should have been called “ConspiraSea” instead. But hate the name or love it, the film is sure to make anyone think twice before eating seafood.

The name controversy worked out surprisingly well for producers, Ali Tabrizi and Lucy Tabrizi, who said they have received more attention than they expected simply from people commenting on the fact that they believe the name should have been “ConspiraSea.” The reason for the name “Seaspiracy” was to relate to the movie’s predecessor “Cowspiracy” and because they thought the name “ConspiraSea” would have been confusing to spell.

But the documentary’s intended controversy was in its bold claims regarding slavery in the fishing industry in addition to the damage caused to the ocean and sea creatures by the industry and the health risks from eating fish. And while these claims may be a shock to some people, many of the facts in the film have been known for a while.

One bold claim is that approximately 46% of the 79 thousand tons of ocean plastic in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch is made up of fishing nets, some as large as football fields. This is true according to a study published in March 2018 in Scientific Reports. According to the Chief Scientist at the Ocean Conservancy, George Leonard, “At least half of [...ocean plastic waste] is not consumer plastics, which are central to much of the current debate, but fishing gear.”

But the darkest side of the film shows shocking footage of interviews with victims of slavery at sea. This issue has been reported on before by the Environmental Justice Foundation’s (EJF) report, Blood and Water which details numerous cases of abuse, on vessels flying the flags of both developing and developed nations, from the E.U. and U.S. to Asia and South America. According to an article from The Maritime Executive, “The report details cases of slavery, debt bondage, insufficient food and water, filthy living conditions, physical and sexual assault and murder aboard fishing vessels from 13 countries operating across three oceans.”

This slavery at sea showcases a horrifying human rights issue. Other claims in the documentary showcase the harm done to sea life, like sharks, whales and dolphins.

Something that may shock tuna lovers is that the “Dolphin-Safe” label on tuna cannot guarantee that all tuna brands with that label actually didn’t harm or kill dolphins. The “Dolphin-Safe” label is supposed to signify that no dolphins were killed or seriously injured as a result of the catching of the tuna contained in certain brands. Mark Palmer of the Earth Island Institute, the organization behind the “Dolphin-Safe” logo, confessed to a conflict of interest between the companies and organizations that dole out “Dolphin-Safe” and related labels and the fishing operations they give them to. He admitted that they could not fully guarantee that no dolphins were harmed during the catching of tuna, even with “Dolphin-Safe” labels.

“Seaspiracy” also managed to showcase an organization doing hard work to stop illegal fishing, the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. Sea Shepherd is an international, non-profit marine conservation organization that engages in direct action campaigns to defend wildlife, and conserve and protect the world’s oceans from illegal exploitation and environmental destruction. In an interview regarding the “Dolphin-Safe” tuna label, Sea Shepherd’s Captain Peter Hammarstedt explained that the biggest threat to whales and dolphins is commercial fishing.

The end of the film encourages viewers to move towards a vegan or plant-based diet, but “Seaspiracy” makers also emphasized in an Instagram Q&A that it is still important for people to cut down on their individual plastic use as well. The end of the film also featured information about the health downsides to eating fish, such as mercury contamination, Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and microplastics in almost every fish that is consumed. They also showed some of the terrible conditions of farming fish that show that keeping fish in close proximity increases chances of disease. Farmed salmon in particular are susceptible to outbreaks of sea lice, according to the British Broadcasting System (BBC).

I went vegan in the beginning of January for environmental and animal rights reasons, but one of the hardest things for me to give up was tuna. Back when I ate tuna, I would always look for the “Dolphin-Safe” tuna and even now it feels discouraging to realize that the labels can’t guarantee they are not harming dolphins.

I also loved sushi and always believed salmon was healthy for you because of the omega-3 fatty acids in it. The one part of the equation I was missing was that fish don’t actually make omega-3s; they

get them from eating algae. So now I eat what the fish eat and skip the middleman. According to the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, omega-3 fatty acids are readily available in a wide variety of plant foods, like walnuts, flaxseeds, chia seeds, hemp seeds, edamame, seaweed, and algae. Other green leafy vegetables and beans also contain small amounts. Additionally, omega-3s from a source like algae don’t have toxic chemicals like PCBs found in some sea creatures. If you get to the end of “Seaspiracy” and realize you want to cut down on your fish intake, do not fear, there are lots of omega-3 sources available for you.

But it’s important to note after watching this film who the real culprit is, the commercial fishing industry. Small populations of people, or native, or indigenous people catching fish and eating it isn’t where the problem lies. It’s the large fishing industry destroying our seas and taking fish from the local people as well. And if you get to the end of the film and want to know more about the environmental impact of animal agriculture, make sure to watch “Cowspiracy,” my favorite documentary. If you can’t quit seafood, maybe try to cut back a bit to help save our planet.



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# Theatre Dept. adapts to COVID-19 restrictions

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The University of New Hampshire (UNH) Theatre Department faced many challenges this year as they navigated ways to cope with COVID-19 restrictions amidst performing their 2020-2021 performance season.

“Because of COVID, we obviously are social distancing, and were staying away from people. We don’t have any blocking that puts people close to each other,” said junior musical theatre major, Emily Shaffritz. “The other major difference is that most of our productions are filmed now and most of them don’t have a live audience at all.”

Students must stay 6 feet away from each other at all times, wear masks and limit close contacts, according to the UNH THDA website, to comply with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

guidelines.

The department most recently put on a production of “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change,” directed by assistant professor and director of the musical theater program, Tom Alsip.

“One of the reasons why we chose the show is because it would work well under the COVID restrictions,” says Alsip. “It’s a small cast. The other benefit is its very malleable.”

The actors started rehearsing in November over a course of three weeks to learn music and do character work. They then had a two-month break before jumping into in-person rehearsals at the beginning of the semester. The show was done in a staged reading style, with only four actors onstage at a time, each standing at a microphone to minimize movement and physical interaction.

“We used eight microphones even though only four people were at a time, so we could always stagger,” said Alsip. “Every microphone would

have at least one full scene off to air out.”

According to a study led by scientists at the University of Bristol, singing does not generate more aerosols than speaking at the same level; however, actors are always projecting their voice even when they are just speaking.

“The costume designer gave us specially designed masks that would allow us to sing properly and have full jaw movement,” said junior musical theater minor, Megan Murphy who was in the cast of the show.

“Because of the masks being on your face, you can only really work with your eyes so that requires so much more thought into everything that goes a part of performing,” said cast member and junior musical theater major, Hannah Wasacz.

Sophomore musical theatre major, Zeke Solis, who has taken part in multiple theatrical productions this year, said one

of the hardest parts of performing through COVID is having to limit physical contact.

“I had a couple of intimacy scenes that I needed to do, but of course, it had to be socially distanced, so that was strange to kind of get used to,” said Solis.

Another hardship is lack of audience, said Alsip. “In the room after every scene, the song would end, and nobody would clap. And then they’d make a joke, and nobody would laugh,” said Alsip. “So, I think that’s what I’m missing most because there’s an energy the audience brings.”

Solis said he was a part of the school’s production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” which was done in the style of a film.

“I think this was an interesting experience for all of us just in the fact that with film, you get to do another take if you don’t like it but in theatre its one shot and you’re done,” said Solis.

The school’s upcoming

production of the Greek play “Hecuba,” directed by theater professor David Kaye, is set to be performed Saturday and Sunday, Apr. 24, 25 & May 1, 2, all at 2 p.m. with a live audience.

“This is going to be a real live theatre performance, because we’re performing it outside in the Rudman Amphitheatre where we can easily get lots of social distance,” said Kaye. “Even at 6 to 8 feet distance in that space I think we can get an audience of at least 100.”

Kaye explained that the performers will be wearing Greek and Roman style masks which will double as COVID-19 masks.

“We’re doing it in a traditional Greek and Roman style,” said Shaffritz, who has been cast as a percussionist in the production.

Kaye said, “we’ll be able to experience the play and the interaction with the audience that ultimately is what theatre is all about.”

# Professor Prelli wins Lindberg Award

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Each year, The University of New Hampshire (UNH) College of Liberal Arts awards “a truly outstanding scholar and teacher” with the Lindberg Award. Tenured professors are nominated by UNH faculty members. The winner of the award is given a \$5,000 stipend along with the honor of delivering a specified lecture.

The 2021 Lindberg was awarded to Professor Lawrence Prelli from the communications department. Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Michele Dillon, introduced Prelli and his ledger of scholarly work which spans over 45 years. Prelli became a part of the UNH staff in 1986. He is most renowned for his scholarly work which focuses on the rhetorical analysis of symbolic actions and scientific discourse which was the subject of his 1989 book published by the South Carolina Press, “A Rhetoric of Science: Inventing Scientific Discourse.” In past years, Professor Prelli won an award for Teacher Excellence at UNH.

This year’s lecture was given over Zoom with over 50 attendees. The subject Prelli delivered his lecture included his own expertise, “Civil War Memorials, Counter-Memorials, and Re-inventing Public

Memories.”

As the title suggests, Prelli gave the lecture in three parts. Introducing his topic, Civil War Memorials and their interaction with the public, he called attention to three in particular: The Statue of Robert E. Lee on Monument Avenue in Virginia, The Ulysses S. Grant Memorial on the National Mall in D.C., and The Shaw and The 54th Regiment memorial located on the Boston Common.

He went on to compare the similarity (all three memorials feature a commander on a horse) which each memorial shares and how their individualities send different rhetorical messages. The Robert E. Lee statue presents Lee in full control, the horse’s head is nodded down in submission. Meanwhile, Grant is portrayed as pensive, his horse weary, but attentive and his men surrounding him, collapsing to their unkindly fate. Lastly, Shaw’s memorial, while his mannerisms more closely resemble those of Robert E. Lee, Shaw is surrounded by the 54th regiment, the first all-black, showing the soldiers which carry his purpose. Prelli emphasized the importance that each message these statues send when shaping the public memory. In Robert E. Lee’s, it perpetuates the myth of the “lost cause” of the confederacy. In Grant’s, his humane nature and struggle as a leader of The Union, honor-

ing his title without elevating him above the title of humanity. And in Shaw’s, the importance the 54th regiment held.

In counter-memorials, Prelli discussed the first memorial to a black man, tennis player Arthur Ashe, erected in 1996. Additionally, he discussed the empowering image which one created of the exact replica of the Arthur Ashe Monument instead of a man with dreadlocks and Nike shoes.

He commented on how the statue of Robert E. Lee has become a massive symbol for expressing modern attitudes towards racism. While the statue has been ordained with graffiti, inscriptions, and artwork, people have also taken the time to project the words “black lives matter” during protests. These images, Prelli suggests, are more powerful in invoking change, reflection and discussion around anti-racism than the statue is, should it be removed.

Nearing the end of his presentation, Prelli spoke of the power which memorials have to remind us of the inhumanity of the past; that memorials can serve as a symbol of reflection of a history of evils and how it has brought us to our present. Specifically, he suggested the symbolic potential of reflection and acknowledgement onto a United States history, a memorial to slavery situated at the National Mall would serve.



Photo courtesy of the University of New Hampshire.

Afterwards, the dean opened the lecture for questions which evoked a brief conversation about when these statues were erected and how they par-

ticularly affected the public memory.

# The MLB's responsibility to stand up for minority voters



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**By Brackett Lyons**  
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Georgia, the state set to host the 2021 Major League Baseball (MLB) All-Star Game has come under national scrutiny for a law placing restrictions on voting, which will disproportionately impact Black Americans and other minorities, according to the Los Angeles Times. Players, coaches and the MLB have an opportunity to stand up for what's right.

Georgia, a long-time Republican stronghold recently flipped "blue" in the 2020 presidential and senate run-off elections. The state's lean toward voting Democratic worried the Republican-trifecta state legislature who rushed through a bill aimed at chang-

ing voting laws in the state. These laws range from limiting mail-in-ballot drop off locations to banning the distribution of food and water to voters waiting in line.

The All-Star Game will be the 91st in MLB history. That history is one marred with segregation and racism that persists to this day. The MLB has come a long way since Jackie Robinson was first pelted with racial abuse with the Brooklyn Dodgers, but the stain of hate can still be seen in the game, just as it still stains the United States as a whole.

Racism has festered in this country for centuries and continues to take different forms. With the police killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, protests engulfed the nation, including professional

sports. Athletes in various leagues, most notably the NBA, protested the injustice toward Black Americans and other minorities in many ways. Inspired by former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, many took a knee during the playing of the national anthem. Others wore shirts with messages like "Black Lives Matter" or walked off the court in protest.

The location of the All-Star Game presents an opportunity for MLB players and teams to stand up against this law and furthermore, to stand up for what is right. Players and teams have vast fanbases that give them incredible influence in the public discourse. In recent years more and more athletes have used their influence to push for social justice and

equity. Players have a chance to make their voices, and the voices of minorities in Georgia, heard this summer.

It is a lot to ask of these players. Their job description does not include advocating social reform and political activism. But, in the face of such archaic and racially-motivated laws, players do not have the option to stay silent, for silence will be taken as complicity.

Jackie Robinson's number 42 hangs in Truist Park, just as it does in every other MLB stadium. That number honors a man who would not be silent on racism in America. Robinson once said that "life is not a spectator sport. If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion, you're wasting your life." It is time for

MLB players to decide if they will stay in the stands or take action. If the All-Star game remains in Atlanta, the players selected to play should boycott the game.

The players are not the only ones who need to take action. The MLB and its owners hold the true power over what baseball does. MLB commissioner Rob Manfred said when announcing the league's partnership with Civic Alliance that "The right to vote is a pillar of American democracy, a privilege that we should all appreciate and exercise." Manfred needs to live up to his word and move the game out of a state attempting to silence its minority voters.

What do you think about the new Georgia voting law?



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

## Vaccine for one, vaccine for all

Back in January 2021, New Hampshire was administering fewer doses per 100,000 people than their neighboring states, Vermont and Maine. They initially received 12,000 doses according to the New Hampshire Public Health Association.

After that rocky, but eventually productive first few months of N.H.'s coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine rollout, perhaps the most important week of distribution and registration has come.

Starting this past Monday, March 29, anyone that is age 40 or over could register for the vaccine, followed by people that are 30 and over on Wednesday and 16 and over on Friday. As of Monday, 35,000 N.H. citizens were able to register for vaccination appointments without any hiccups.

Last week, many over the age of 50 had a hard time registering for the state-run Vaccination Immunization Navigation Interface (VINI) system before it was eventually resolved through constant stress testing according to Gov. Chris Sununu.

Despite the confusion with the registration software, Sununu urged N.H. residents to sign up for the approximately 100,000 open vaccination appointment slots this week.

The vaccine rollout in N.H. is progressing, and the later phas-

es to register until April 19; over two weeks past N.H.'s date.

Something that caught the eye of many of these residents receiving the vaccine was that out-of-state and non-N.H. resident college students have to return to their home states to register for and get the vaccine.

Sununu made it clear that he thought it was pointless for these students to get the vaccine "over" residents of his state because they aren't that high of a priority in terms of riskiness. "New Hampshire residents cannot be put behind out of state, low-risk college students," Sununu's spokesperson, Ben Vihstadt said.

In an interview with the New Haven Register, Vihstadt noted that this will not be changing despite efforts from the N.H. College and University Council, Democratic lawmakers and college students. Sununu's stated that the only way this would change was if N.H. got a significant increase in vaccine inventory, as vaccine appointments would have to be pushed back. He also explained that the limited remaining time in the academic year had a lot to do with his decision.

Sununu's logic for wanting to get N.H. residents vaccinated first is a totally plausible one. He should want them to be safe and

nine months out of the year, and many of them stick around for the summer as well. They are affecting the health of Granite Staters every day, and that needs to be taken into account.

Something else to keep in mind is that these college students are about to travel back home to their home states in a few months. While that is a reason for them to wait to get vaccinated in Sununu's eyes, I think it's quite the opposite. College campuses have been epicenters for COVID-19, especially in N.H. The three towns with the highest overall cases since the pandemic started are Durham (1923 cases), Dover (1988 cases) and Manchester (10,551). New Hampshire college towns and cities have been notorious for having the most COVID-19 cases since the start of the fall 2020 semester. These towns and cities are all located at or near UNH campuses, something that has been alarming to the state.

In terms of Sununu's time constraint excuse, the Johnson and Johnson vaccine that only requires one dose would handle those issues. If those doses were relegated to college students, especially out-of-state ones, then it would allow for a lot of issues to be solved.

It's not easy for some students to go home because of the travel costs and the time frame within the academic year, especially with no spring break this semester at UNH.

Sununu's ideals on vaccine distribution in N.H. concerning college students is not totally misguided, but reform needs to be in order. He should not just be focused on the residents and citizens of his state, but also the ones that can affect their health and well-being as well, not to mention the health of all involved.

**Josh Morrill**  
Executive Editor

es are coming to fruition faster than the previously mentioned surrounding states. For example, Vermont will not start letting people that are 16-years-old and older

healthy (obviously). That's his job. However, these same citizens that he's trying to protect are walking around the out-of-state college students every single day

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## FOOTBALL

# UNH recruiting roadblock during dead period

By Joshua Shaw  
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On March 13, 2020 the NCAA initiated a dead period that suspended nationwide recruiting until April 15. A year later, and the dead period is still in place, leaving the University of New Hampshire (UNH) football reflecting on how it's affected recruiting then and now.

For James Ventresca, UNH's director of football operations, the start of the dead period came at the worst time. His staff was preparing to start the 2020 recruiting process in March when the NCAA announced the ongoing dead period.

"[When COVID and the dead period began] we essentially decided not to recruit at all," Ventresca noted.

In contrast to the current

status of recruiting, the 2019-2020 Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) recruiting calendar contained three dead periods. The first lasted from August until September. The second ranged from Dec. 16 to Jan. 16, and the third ran from Feb. 3 to Feb. 6.

What makes this current dead period so devastating for UNH is the number of restrictions. According to the NCAA's website, a dead period does not allow coaches to have face-to-face interactions with potential recruits or their families. Coaches are also not allowed to watch student-athletes compete in person nor can they visit their high schools. The only permitted lines of communication between programs and student-athletes are writing and telephone.

To make up for that in person aspect, UNH has begun using virtual tours via Zoom

for potential recruits. These started over the summer and have persisted since.

Both Ventresca and Associate Athletic Director Shawn Greene find that Zoom and virtual recruiting doesn't allow the same interaction between a program and a potential recruit.

"You don't get to shake kid's hands, look them in the eye. You don't get to know their personality through a screen," said Ventresca. "Friday night when we did the game day tour kids were quiet, they didn't ask a lot of questions."

Greene agreed, saying coaches can know a player's stats, speed, and size, but they don't know how they'll interact with both their teammates and their opponents alike. Not understanding that aspect makes it harder to determine if a player will properly fit in with a locker room he said.

Yet, for all its pitfalls, Greene said colleges may use the results from the previous year to maintain some level of virtual recruitment. Both due to the flexibility, but also due to the savings in travel expenses.

"Athletic directors want coaches to be able to get out on the road for all the reasons we just talked about; but maybe they don't need to be on the road nearly as much as they used to be," said Greene.

According to Ventresca, one of the other challenges posed by COVID-19 was evaluating potential recruits that did not have a senior seasons. Where larger schools begin the recruitment process in the summer, UNH increases its pursuit of players, especially seniors later in the fall.

"Usually, we get to evaluate guys a little bit later than some of the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) schools. We

get late-developers, guys that are having better senior years than they did junior years, so not having senior tape hurt us a lot," Ventresca explained.

The oddity of NCAA football and the recruiting process was summarized best by Ventresca.

"I mean, we were playing a game in March and doing a tour on Zoom," he said.

UNH is scheduled to play next against the Rhode Island Rams on Apr. 3.



## FIELD HOCKEY

# Mariani scores twice in 4-2 loss at Maine

By Kelsey Johnson  
SPORTS WRITER

DURHAM, N.H. — University of New Hampshire (UNH) field hockey (4-4, 1-3) took on the University of Maine (4-2, 4-0) this past Sunday. Maine defeated the Wildcats with a final score of 4-2.

UNH sophomore goalkeeper Jemma Woods had a career-high 11 saves throughout the game. Eight of which were in the third quarter. She briefly exited the game during the second quarter when she was struck with a shot above her leg pads. Redshirt freshman Nikki Tredwell took over letting in only one goal.

Maine developed pressure first in the beginning 91 seconds of the game, with a shot from junior Sydney Meader. This gave Woods' her first save of the game.

Halfway through the first quarter UNH earned the first penalty corner of the game, the shot was taken by freshman Rosalie Post. A direct shot from the top of the circle was smacked aside by Maine's junior goalie Mia Borley. The Wildcats continued to apply pressure after the failed attempt and were rewarded with a second penalty corner. Borley saved yet another shot from the top of the circle by Post.

In the second quarter Woods was taken out after receiving the shot above her leg pads, Tredwell entered the game at the 21st minute. In the 26th minute Maine took the 1-0 lead with a goal scored by fifth-year Brittany Smith. After a broken play off of a penalty corner, senior Abby Webber sent a pass down low, and Smith took the shot into the righthand corner. Woods reentered the game with 2:12 remaining in the half.

42 seconds into the third quarter Maine's junior Chloe

Walton scored a goal and the Black Bears took the 2-0 lead. At the 34th minute Woods fought hard to stop consecutive shots from Maine in a span of eight seconds.

UNH senior captain Isabelle Danahy intercepted a pass at midfield and shot the pass forward through the middle to UNH sophomore Jaiden Wittel. Wittel then swung a pass forward to UNH sophomore Ava Mariani who charged the post and flipped a shot inside the near post scoring in the 36th minute closing the gap to one goal.

In the 40th minute Woods stopped another flurry of three shots in the span of 10 seconds,

making one more save in the final minute to keep the score at 2-1 through three quarters.

At 1:39 into the fourth quarter Maine senior Hana Davis took a shot from the top right of the circle and it rolled inside the far post making it a 3-1 ball game.

The Wildcats attempted a shot on goal with six minutes remaining but Borley made a sliding tackle to prevent any shot attempt. In the 55th minute Mariani tipped in senior captain Bloem Van Den Brekel's shot just inside the right post now causing only a one goal lead for Maine.

Less than two minutes after the Wildcats score, Maine

struck again. Walton scoring her second goal of the game giving the home team a 4-2 advantage. The Wildcats didn't go out quietly, Van Den Brekel took one last shot but it ricocheted off the post with just 2:14 remaining in the game.

Neither team recorded a shot or corner for the rest of the way. Maine finished with a 21-9 shot advantage which included 16-5 on goal. In the fourth quarter all three shots on goal resulted in a goal.

Mariani now leads UNH in both goals with six and points with 12 following the two-goal effort at Maine. Van Den Brekel has 15 assists and for 54 points in 62 games, she is

UNH's active leader in both assists and points. She also ranks second in goals.



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University of New Hampshire sophomore forward Ava Mariani runs down the field at Maine

## LACROSSE

# Pratt scores four, Wildcats fall 16-14 at Lowell

By **Spencer Marks**  
SPORTS WRITER

LOWELL, MASS. — University of New Hampshire (UNH) lacrosse (2-4, 1-3) traveled to UMass Lowell (3-4, 2-2) this past Saturday and returned home with a loss. What looked like a fresh start for the Wildcats last week in their overtime win, was soon shut down when they lost 16-14 at the hands of the River Hawks.

“We were missing a few key people and it was time to have some of the younger kids step up,” said UNH head coach Sarah Albrecht. “We definitely played pretty decent in some spots but we definitely could have competed a little bit better throughout the game. It was definitely a learning game for us.”

The close game started off in favor of UML. Sophomore attacker Anna Bauter scored the first goal of the game with help from first-year attacker Megan Brockbank about two minutes into the game.

Soon after, fifth-year midfielder Rylee Leonard and junior midfielder Delaney Pratt kicked their day off with a pair of unassisted goals for the Wildcats. Leonard scored in the third minute and Pratt joined in the fourth.

The River Hawks answered with two goals of their own. Both goals came from sophomore midfielder Molly Shaw

who found the back of the net twice within 22 seconds of each other.

Leonard tied the score back up at three for her second goal of the day with 23:25 to play in the half.

UML followed up with a 3-1 run started by sophomore Izzy Liquori in the ninth minute.

UNH sophomore Liv Dunn put one in right after to tie the score at four goals apiece.

Shaw found Brockbank with 14:12 to go in the half for her first goal of the game.

Less than two minutes later sophomore midfielder Abby McLaughlin received a pass from first-year midfielder Kaitlin Tobin to give UML a two-score lead.

After the score had been extended to 6-4 in favor of River Hawks, senior midfielder Elizabeth Blanding finally got the ‘Cats back on the board to cut the deficit to one point.

Liquori and McLaughlin bounced back with a pair of goals in the 21st minute. The put UML ahead by three with 9:00 remaining in the first half.

UNH needed a way to close the gap before halftime and the combination of Pratt and Dunn delivered with three unassisted goals. Pratt scored back-to-back in the 22nd and 26th minute. Dunn scored her free-position goal in the 27th which tied the score up 8-8 going into halftime.

Liquori started off the sec-

ond half with her third goal of the day giving the River Hawks a one goal advantage nearly two minutes into the half.

UNH junior Emily Curtis scored her first goal of the season to tie the score at 9-9 less than two minutes later.

Brockbank helped UML out with three straight assists. The first two were delivered to Shaw who scored back-to-back goals. The third assist occurred in the 42nd minute when Bauter scored her second goal of the day to extend the River Hawks’ lead back to three goals.

The River Hawks kept their slew of goals coming with

yet another score from Liquori with 16:35 to play. Shaw scored another one minute later from Brockbank sixth assist on the day.

The Wildcats found themselves down five with 15 minutes to play and needed some late-game heroics to climb back into the game. Dunn came around the left side of the goal and scored an unassisted goal with 13:58 remaining. First-year Wildcat Kailee Woods followed up in the 51st minute to bring the deficit to three.

Liquori scored her fifth and final goal of the day a minute later pushing the River Hawks to a 16-12 lead.

UNH only managed to score two more times for the remainder of the game. Leonard scored at 54th minute and Blanding in the 55th. The score of 16-14 held true the rest of the way.

“The main thing that we are working on right now is just competing,” said Coach Albrecht. “Just challenging each other and going at each other on attack along with the aggressiveness. That was part of our problem on Saturday.”

The Wildcats come home to Durham next Saturday at 11 a.m. to host the Binghamton Bearcats (1-3, 1-3).



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Wildcat junior Delaney Pratt running towards the net in her four-goal game.

## VOLLEYBALL

## UNH sweeps on senior day

By **Dan Marshman**  
SPORTS WRITER

DURHAM, N.H. — The University of New Hampshire (UNH) women’s volleyball team (7-3) dominated on senior day winning easily against the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) Highlanders (2-10). The Wildcats celebrated senior day cruising to a 3-0 win on the back of the only senior on the team, setter Emma Patlovich. She was honored prior to the game with flowers and applause from teammates before setting a season-high for service aces with four. Patlovich set up teammates for easy kills all afternoon garnering 30 assists and she wasn’t shy to dive on the floor, shown by her five digs.

The Wildcats won the first set in dominant fashion 25-11. There wasn’t a glimmer of hope for the Highlanders as the Wildcats looked like a brick wall on defense. UNH recorded a .364 hitting percentage in the first set and two late service aces sealed the deal for the first set. Junior Abby Sullivan was a catalyst for the ‘Cats in the first set showing why she’s been one of the Wildcats leaders all season.

The second set was much of the same with the Wildcats winning easily. NJIT jumped out to a 7-4 lead when UNH went on a 9-0 run to bring the score to 13-7. First-year libero Ali Stuessi recorded two service aces in the second set. The Cats’ closed out the set with a 10-2 run to win the set 25-12. Sullivan had two kills during the 9-0 run by the Cats’ and was named to America East First-Team all-conference.

UNH head coach Christopher Feliciano said Sullivan has led the Wildcats all season.

“In our shortened season Abby played a critical role to our success.” He added, “She’s someone that commanded a lot of attention from opposing teams, which in turn made everyone around her better.”

The third set was the most competitive of the match with six ties and one lead change in the match. The Highlanders had their biggest lead of the day in the third set 9-6 before the Wildcats stormed back to tie it. The game went back and forth with both teams trading points. UNH pulled away in the later part of the set to get the win 25-17 and close out the match 3-0.

It was a perfect day for the ‘Cats on senior day and the

win moved them to 6-3 on the season. The win is the fourth consecutive for the Wildcats moving them to second in America East in wins. UNH has won all four matchups against NJIT including two this season.

The Wildcats were scheduled to take on the University of Albany on Sunday. The game was cancelled and ruled a forfeit due to COVID-19 with UNH handed the win. The win against the Great Danes brought the Wildcats record to 7-3.



## WOMEN’S HOCKEY

## Wildcats win Isobel Cup

By **Dan Marshman**  
SPORTS WRITER

Four former Wildcats made UNH proud this past weekend by winning the National Women’s Hockey League’s (NWHL) Isobel Cup. Jenna Rheault, Carlee Turner, Meghara McManus, and Taylor Wenczkowski were all part of the 2021 NWHL Champion Boston Pride.

The championship is the second for Boston and the first since the NWHL’s inaugural year in 2016. UNH women’s hockey head coach Hilary Witt was incredibly proud of her former players after the championship.

“They were a program-changing class for us and seeing them succeed makes me so proud,” explained Witt.

Witt said she always saw potential in the four women and wasn’t surprised by their achievements given how hard they work.

Wenczkowski was vital for the Pride in their pursuit of a championship with a team-high nine shots in the postseason. She had the game-winning goal against the Minnesota Whitecaps in the championship game to give Boston the win 4-3.

Coach Witt said it’s great

for current players to see what they can accomplish if they work hard. She also noted the sacrifice the players make in the NWHL because of the low funding and benefits for players.

“The passion these players have for the game and how they make sacrifices financially proves the love they have,” said Witt. “A lot of these players aren’t paid enough to make this their full-time job and they work other jobs during the day.”

Witt applauded not only the members of the Pride, but also former UNH captain Tori Howran of the Connecticut Whale. Witt said people should pay more attention to the NWHL and the competitive product they produce.

“Women’s hockey is really fun and even though there’s no checking, it’s still very physical,” Witt noted.

The Isobel Cup win is a sign that UNH is becoming a stronger and more consistent program every year. With coach Witt behind them, the Wildcats will continue to compete for the America East title. As for the Pride, they’ll lean on the former UNH standouts to keep them in contention for the Isobel Cup next season.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Sheppard's career-high nine saves not enough



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Wildcats junior goalkeeper Cat Sheppard making one of her career-high nine saves as she dives towards the Binghamton forward

**By Brackett Lyons**  
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VESTAL, N.Y. — University of New Hampshire (UNH) women's soccer (5-2, 2-2) remained winless on the road and fell 1-0 to Binghamton University (2-1, 2-1) on Sunday. Junior goalkeeper Cat Sheppard made nine saves, including one on a penalty kick, but her outstanding performance wasn't enough to keep the 'Cats from their second defeat on the season.

Both teams looked to settle in in the opening minutes and possession was evenly shared. The first chance of the game came in the eighth minute of play. Binghamton capitalized on a throw-in in the Wildcats' half and got the ball into the penalty box. The Bearcats fired in the first shot on goal of the day, but Sheppard lived up to her reputation as one of the best keepers in the conference. The veteran dropped to her right and secured the shot and kept the score even.

Binghamton looked more cohesive as the half went on, registering another shot on goal and making more attacking

runs than the 'Cats. UNH did what they've done all season and absorbed the pressure.

Sheppard was up for the task once again in the 23rd minute. She faced another shot from close range and was able to make the quick reaction save. Sheppard's work wasn't done as the rebound found a Bearcat's foot who pivoted and fired on goal. Sheppard was already back on her feet and pounced on the ball for her fourth save of the game.

UNH continued to look for answers in attack with little threat mustered by the forwards in the waning minutes of the half.

At the other end of the pitch, the Bearcats looked to have found their answer against UNH's defense. Binghamton played a lofted ball into the box and squared it to sophomore midfielder Olivia McKnight. McKnight was all alone on the 6-yard line and side-footed what looked to be a certain goal. However, certain goals are rare against Sheppard, who sprinted to her left and dove to make the stop. The rebound fell to a Bearcat who tried to squeeze it in from a tight angle

in the final seconds of the first half. Sheppard was back on her feet and comfortably gathered the shot as the horn sounded. Her fifth and sixth saves of the game kept the score 0-0 at the half.

Sheppard picked up right where she left off to open the second half. The Wildcats keeper made her seventh save from a shot from distance headed for the top corner and made her eighth on the ensuing corner. In the attacking third, the struggles and frustration continued for the UNH attack. Despite two free-kicks in the first 10 minutes of the half, the Wildcats couldn't manage a shot on target after only tallying one in the first half.

UNH head coach Steve Welham noted that the team didn't have their best day on attack.

"We weren't able to create and combine enough, and when we did press and win the ball back, we weren't able to keep possession," explained Welham. "We didn't earn a corner kick today, which is very unlike us, so it is always a tough place to come up here, but we didn't get the job done."

The UNH defense finally cracked in the 59th minute. A long ball carried over the backline and found junior forward Stefania Piantadosi. The Bearcat met Kelly in the box and outmuscled the first-year defender. Piantadosi was clear on goal after sending Kelly to the turf. She fired an effort and chose power over placement. The ball screamed past Sheppard on her near post. The ninth shot on goal for Binghamton finally got the better of the Wildcat's keeper, and UNH now looked up at a 1-0 score.

Things appeared to go from bad to worse for UNH in the 70th minute. Kelly put a challenge in on McKnight in the box, and the referee whistled Kelly for a penalty. Sophomore Victoria McKnight stepped up to take the kick with only 12 yards and Cat Sheppard standing between her and a 2-0 lead. The shot was low and to the left, but so was Sheppard, who read the kick perfectly and made a critical stop to keep UNH within striking distance.

Welham cited Sheppard as the reason the Wildcats were able to keep the game so close.

"Cat had her best game of

the year; I think by a mile. She was outstanding. She was our MVP today. She kept us in the game. I think if she can put performances like that together, we can go a long way this year."

UNH still needed a goal to tie the game and began to pour the pressure on. Despite their efforts to create chances, the Wildcats attack remained tame. With 10 minutes to play, an equalizer felt out of reach. The attack that had been so dangerous to start the year looked lost and disjointed on Sunday. A week before, UNH equalized the score in the final four minutes of regulation but saw no such luck this time around. The defeat is UNH's second on the year and drops them to .500 in conference play.

UNH will face Stony Brook (4-2, 4-0) Friday, April 9, in Durham. The 'Cats are undefeated at home, and the Seawolves are perfect in conference play. It could be win or go home for UNH as they vie for the final playoff spot in their pod.



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FOOTBALL

## UNH heads to No. 22 URI after three-week layoff

By Cameron Beall  
SPORTS EDITOR

DURHAM, N.H. – After a three-week hiatus, University of New Hampshire (UNH) football (0-1) will be back in action this weekend to take on the No. 22 University of Rhode Island (URI) Rams (2-1). The Wildcats had a scheduled week two bye week, followed by postponements against Delaware and Villanova due to the number of positive coronavirus (COVID-19) test within the UNH program.

Head coach Sean McDonnell noted that his team will need to look better than they had against UAlbany (1-3) after the layoff. They got back to practice on Saturday and Sunday before taking Monday off. McDonnell says the team is heading in the right direction and getting back to where they need to be.

Senior offensive lineman

Matt Mascia explained how the offensive line and the rest of the team is hungry heading to Rhode Island this weekend.

“We got our first taste against Albany, and obviously it wasn’t a good one. It was something that left us wanting more,” said Mascia. “I think that little extra motivation is leading us up into this game.”

In terms of how he envisions the Wildcats improving from their 24-20 loss to the Great Danes, McDonnell says they want to be more effective running the football. He explained that when the running backs and offensive line are playing at their best it allows the rest of the offense to open up and reach their full potential.

Sophomore quarterback Max Brosmer navigated the pocket well in the first game of the season, but McDonnell still saw room for improvement in the second half. He told his quarterback to ease up and take what the defense gives

him after Brosmer missed a few throws near the end of that game.

In terms of Rhode Island, the Wildcats are focused on minimizing the Rams’ offensive opportunities. McDonnell has praised how much the Rams have improved since the last time these teams met.

“I don’t think there are any really eye-opening weaknesses,” explained McDonnell.

Rhode Island uses two quarterbacks in their offense with redshirt junior Kasim Hill and redshirt sophomore Brandon Robinson. The tandem appears to have a similar skillset according to McDonnell and both pose as threats within the offense.

“If we try to guess and try to do too many things from the defensive front with the ends and the linebackers we could be in trouble with some big gains,” McDonnell noted.

On the other side of the ball Mascia explained how URI’s new defensive coordinator

Jack Cooper is something the team needs to plan against. The senior explained how Cooper has brought different looks to the Rams. The toughest part of planning for a new system is figuring out their new tendencies. The Wildcats have three games of film to work off to try and figure out how their defensive front may attack UNH.

The Rams have switched from four down lineman to a three-down set. Mascia noted how a subtle switch like that completely changes the style in which a team’s offensive line plays and the assignment they’ll take on.

The Wildcats’ head coach has three things in mind while trying to game plan for the Rams.

“We’ve got to keep the ball inside and in front, don’t have any turnovers and play very good and very tough on the road.”

The team will leave for the game on Saturday morning, drive two hours to Providence

R.I. before stopping to eat and hold a few meetings. After the pit stop, they’ll finish the trip with an hour drive to South Kingston, R.I. in time for their 1 p.m. kickoff.

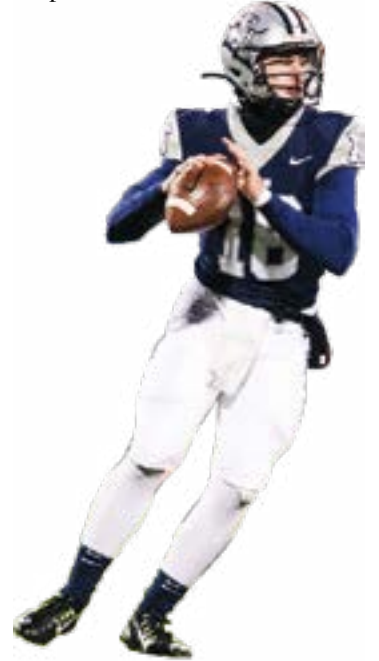


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MEN’S SOCCER

## Wildcats jump to No. 12 after shutout victory

By Shaun Petipas  
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DURHAM, N.H. – No. 14 University of New Hampshire (UNH) men’s soccer (4-0-1, 3-0-1) returned home to Wildcat Stadium on Friday where they dominated the Hartford Hawks (2-1-0, 2-1-0) in a 4-0 victory. However, the win didn’t come without a cost as junior captain Jonny Wolf left the game early with what appeared to be a knee injury.

The Wildcats started off fast with early possession and got their first shot on goal when junior Chris Pinkham fired a shot labeled for the bottom left corner, but it was saved by first-year goalkeeper Rotem Fadida. UNH kept the pressure on with four corner kicks in a row, but were unable to take advantage of the opportunities.

UNH’s persistence never faltered as they continued to tire out Hartford with the constant play through their defense and switching fields. The Wildcats continued to create opportunities and finally rang one off the post and sophomore Bilal Kamal was fouled in the box looking for the rebound. UNH sent out graduate student Paul Mayer to take the penalty kick and he buried it giving UNH the 1-0 advantage.

With all the momentum in UNH’s favor they were able to score one more before the end of the half. Some fancy footwork from multiple Wildcat forwards led to a chance for Kamal at the top of the penalty box. He fired the ball in the top right corner where Fadida couldn’t make the save. UNH went into the locker room with a firm 2-0 lead and posted three shots on goal. Hartford only recorded one which graduate student Alejandro Robles handled with ease.

Coming out of the locker room UNH kept the same intensity, keeping possession and fatiguing Hartford as they attempted a comeback. Hartford switched up styles trying to put more pressure on the UNH defense by not allowing them as much time with the ball as they did in the first half. The comeback attempt was short lived for the Hawks, however. Senior Linus Fallberg rocketed a shot from 30 yards out in the 56th minute. The Sweden native tallied his ninth goal of his career to give UNH the 3-0 lead.

Even with the 3-0 lead the ‘Cats kept pressure in the Hartford end and with the middle of the field open it gave UNH easy through opportunities. Mayer was able to collect another ball near the top of the penalty box and ripped one that

deflected off Fadida and into the open net.

UNH dominated the game in almost every fashion. The Wildcats outshot Hartford 19-7 and took seven corner kicks to the Hawk’s one.

Robles earned his 10th career shutout with two saves on the day and a couple of solid possession plays knocking the ball out of harm’s way. He was also named the America East Defender of the Week after his performance in the shutout victory.

Head coach Marc Hubbard was happy with his team’s performance, but his first thought was with Wolf and his injury.

“My first thought is we lose Jonny Wolf to an injury, so our thoughts are with him.” He continued, “don’t know what that is going to look like [moving forward].”

Hubbard was happy with the win and the shutout but still knows his team has more to prove even after a statement win.

“We made a good statement I think but still leaving a lot out there to improve and learn upon so not perfect by any means. We need to keep learning and improving.”

With the team’s fourth win of the season, they leaped two spots in the United Soccer Coaches Poll to No. 12 in the

nation. This ties the highest ranking in program history.

The Wildcats will be in Wildcat Stadium this week where they are now 31-1-5 all-time and outscoring their opponents 70-13. They hold an 8-2 advantage at home this season. The next opponent to visit Durham will be the UMass Lowell River Hawks on Friday, April 2.

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