Second Wildcat Wellness Weekend will begin April 16

By Anna Kate Munsey
MANAGING EDITOR

Due to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the University of New Hampshire (UNH) opted to provide two “Wildcat Wellness Weekends” instead of a traditional spring break.

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Vaccine clinic announced for out-of-state students

By Hannah Donahue
CONTENT EDITOR

University of New Hampshire (UNH) Police Chief Paul Dean and Health & Wellness Medical Director Peter Degnan announced in an email on Wednesday that all members of the UNH community who have not received their first dose of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine can do so at the Whittemore Center Arena on Monday, April 19.

“aric is available to any member of the UNH community regardless of permanent residency and including those not in the university’s testing program,” the email said. This announcement comes after Gov. Chris Sununu reversed his controversial decision to withhold COVID-19 vaccinations from out-of-state students. Sununu received backlash from university leaders, students and town administrators throughout the state, as well as Durham Town Administrator Todd Selig, asking him to reconsider his decision.

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Haven, keeping N.H. safe and educated

By Rhianwen Watkins
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

New Hampshire crisis centers have reported an increase in victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault needing support services over the course of the pandemic, according to the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Haven is New Hampshire’s largest organization for the prevention of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking and supporting survivors. It offers a multitude of services, including educational programs in schools, fundraisers and events, emergency shelter and housing, and a 24-hour confidential support hotline.

“Haven’s actually a merged agency,” said Executive Director Kathy Beebe. “For a long time, there were two different agencies. There was one called SASS, Sexual Assault Support Services, that did work with sexual abuse survivors, and there was a domestic violence agency called A Safe Place.”

The year the merge happened, Haven’s annual budget was $1.2 million, which has increased to $2.2 million this past year, said Beebe.

Two of the biggest events held annually, are the Kids Are Our Business Breakfast in April and Ending Violence Changing Lives in October. Kids Are Our Business is “a way to bring local businesses together to kind of talk about issues in our community and give insight into our education prevention program. We have a large audience of people who work with children or who are in kid related fields, like pediatricians, school coaches, and guidance counselors,” said Haven’s Events and Outreach Coordinator, Lily Cragg.

The Education Prevention Program brings Haven’s staff into elementary schools to teach age-appropriate information about the importance of bodily autonomy, listening to instinct, and how to reach out to a trusted adult if they feel they are in danger. The information is often presented in the form of a puppet show for the children. In middle schools, the discussion focuses on more mature topics such as consent, healthy relationships and dealing with bullying.

“What were still trying to grow, is our emergency shelter,” said Beebe. “For 30 years we’ve only had a really small house. We have a four-bedroom ranch.”

Beebe said that before the coronavirus (COVID-19), they could only fit four people in a suite. With COVID-19 restrictions in place, that is lowered to two. The organization has coped with lack of space by putting people up in hotels, however, this brings its own difficulties.

“When someone’s in immediate danger and they’re fleeing abuse, they should be able to have their own room, with their own bathroom and private area,” said Beebe.

COVID-19 quarantines have been especially problematic for people dealing with sexual assault and domestic violence due to being stuck at home with abusive people they reside with according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Haven also has a housing program, designed to help support those who are not in immediate danger.

“Lots of people are fleeing abuse or leaving an abusive relationship and they’re not unsafe but they still need some services and programs to get them back on their feet,” said Beebe.

“We were fortunate that we got a federal grant this year that’s four years that’s $650,000 dollars that’s going to help us to provide those rental subsidies and services for about 25 families, so that’s really exciting.”

One of Haven’s most important services is their 24-hour support hotline. According to Hotline Coordinator Kyla Yodor, the hotline helps people in a variety of ways, including offering emotional support for survivors of sexual assault or domestic violence, even years after trauma, helping people find lawyers for court hearings, and taking calls from hospitals when survivors are admitted.

The average age range of clients who call is 26 to 40, most of whom identify as female. According to the CDC, about 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men experience sexual abuse, physical violence, or stalking from intimate partners.

“At any given time, there are probably half a dozen to 10 people on the hotline and there’s a chat feature which goes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Monday through Friday,” said Yodor. She also mentioned that every staff member and volunteer for the hotline must go through over 30 hours of training.

“I find that the most gratifying moments are on the hotline, when I’m on with someone and they do the majority of the talking and I do the majority of the listening,” said Yodor. They’ll really work out for themselves what their next step is or they’ll come to a realization on their own, and you kind of are just there holding space through that moment.”

“The work isn’t done,” said Beebe. “That’s why we’re here.”
COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Whittemore Center

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) hosted two closed vaccination points of dispensing (PODs) for eligible students, faculty and staff. Eligible members of the community included full-time New Hampshire residents. Out-of-state college students were not eligible at the time of the clinics, but it has since been announced by Gov. Chris Sununu that they will be eligible in New Hampshire beginning April 19.

The clinic was hosted at the Whittemore Center Area, a location UNH has used previously to distribute its COVID-19 self-test kits.

UNH was chosen because of the significant number of residential students, as well as the availability of Health & Wellness staff, McGregor EMS and the nursing department to support the distribution, according the UNH’s Chief of Police Paul Dean.

Through the university does currently not require the vaccine, students arrived in droves to receive their first shot. Ronald O’Keefe, assistant director of emergency management and former Durham Fire chief spearheaded the clinic, along with UNH nursing students, Health & Wellness, McGregor EMS, Durham Fire and UNH Police.

“We’ve been planning this for about two or three weeks, having two or three meetings every week, and it’s going extremely well,” said O’Keefe.

Student turnout was extremely high for the clinic. Out of approximately 4,200 appointments, nearly 3,400 were students.

“The support we’ve had between the nursing students, faculty and staff, Whittemore Center, recreation, athletics, McGregor Memorial Ambulance, Durham Fire Department. I’m just overwhelmed with it and I am extremely happy with how it’s been going,” said O’Keefe.

The event was so successful, O’Keefe noted vaccinations were able to begin earlier than expected.

“We’ve had very few glitches. It was so good this morning so we opened up early. We opened at 7:30,” said O’Keefe.

“This is what makes me proud to be a member of the university community.”

Even with record vaccination numbers underway, out-of-state students were still excluded from UNH’s pod. However, UNH recently announced formal plans to vaccinate out-of-state students who were left out of the first round of vaccinations.

A majority of UNH’s population remains ineligible for the vaccination within New Hampshire until April 19. According to UNH’s own data, only 44% of the student body was eligible as of April 9. Students and town leaders, such as Durham Town Administrator Todd Selig continued to contact Sununu to allow out-of-state students to receive their vaccines.

Selig was one of many community leaders within college towns who sent a letter to Sununu urging him to change course.

“We understand that the vaccine is distributed to U.S. states on a pro-rated, per capita basis,” the letter reads. “This means that the number of college students from other states attending school in New Hampshire have been included in New Hampshire’s vaccine allocation.”

In an email to faculty, staff and students on Friday, Dean encouraged students to keep an eye on their email, as they work to “get vaccines and open another point of dispensing (POD) on campus to serve out-of-state and international members of our community.”

According to an April 14 email from Dean and Health & Wellness Medical Director Peter Degnan, registration is now open for all members of the UNH community to receive their first vaccine dose on April 19 at the Whittemore Center.

This includes those who are not permanent New Hampshire residents, as well as those not participating in the university’s testing program.

The full email from Dean and Degnan, with updated information, is available on Twitter @thenewhampshire.

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Record donations made during 2021 (603) Challenge

By Aubrey Benoit
STAFF WRITER

On April 9, the (603) Challenge for the University of New Hampshire (UNH) took flight. With thousands of donations every year, donors come together to show support for their favorite areas of the university. For a certain period of time, any gift amount is matched by some of the annual donors and underwriters. Adding up to almost $200 per donor, the funds are matched until the $225,000 runs out. With an abounding number of challenges, gift opportunities and a live leaderboard, contributors have five days to give back to their favorite community—New Hampshire.

This is the seventh year in a row the (603) Challenge has assisted UNH. Jackie Overton, director of annual giving at UNH, is one of two people who have been a member of the directors’ board since the very beginning. Overton explained that since 2015, the (603) Challenge for UNH has changed quite a bit. Originally, donors would gift to the university as a whole, without any idea of where their money was going and who it was directly benefiting. There were more specific areas of the university that people wanted to donate to. Understandably, a change was made. The original few areas of interest that joined the (603) Challenge developed in 50 areas this current year. Overton, along with her team, have endeavored to develop different departments, colleges, clubs, departments and sports teams to join the challenge over the years. “We really needed to give people more opportunities to give. It felt like it was something that needed to change,” Overton said.

Last year alone, UNH received over $1.9 million in donations. The biggest contributors are UNH alumni. “The alumni really want to give back to the parts of the university they were a part of,” Overton said. After reviewing the statistics, Overton said the graduation years of the alumni range from recent graduates to those who graduated back in 1980. The College of Liberal Arts (COLA) and Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics (PAUL) have some of the strongest number of alumni donating percentage wise.

Alumni make up for 50 to 60% of the donations, however, parents, faculty and staff make up for a solid chunk of reliable donations as well. Outside of that group, there is a trend of 5 to 10% of students donating every year as well. The tight knit southern N.H. community makes for outside donations, completely unaffiliated with the university. Overton calls them “friends” of UNH. These fans watch hockey games or are even members of the North East Passage, a living beyond disability program. “They feel inclined to give back because of what the university has done for them,” Overton said.

The trend of nonprofit fundraising has spread across American college campuses, however what makes the (603) Challenge different is the competitive aspect. Instead of giving one day, the (603) Challenge runs for a few days to see who can give back the most. From different colleges to competing athletic teams, those donating can raise the most for whichever part of UNH means the most to them.

How do these donations pile up so quickly? The power of communication. Overton is part of the University Advance- ment, where she, along with her team, focus on marketing, fundraising and overall communication. A combination of sending mail, emails and marketing to a charitable group of people on social media have been some of the greatest contributing factors to the success. There are even some members that go out and meet with their biggest donors to create a genuine relationship with them. Others are out talking to the faculty and staff to find out what they need donations for. “The (603) Challenge is a great way to take all the things we do and roll it all into one,” Overton said.

Another crucial part of the success are the months before the event happens. Overton and her team spend months raising money to underwrite the challenge. They take the time to contact their top donors who are already invested and ask them to donate enough to match other people’s gifts. Alumni especially like the fact that their $100 can end up being $200 to whichever department they support most.

Halfway through the first day of the challenge, $225,000 funds were matched and ran out. This particular challenge ends after those funds run out and other types of challenges are launched. These kinds of incentives are also what makes the (603) Challenge different from other average nonprofits. “It’s a really fun way to engage folks. It’s awesome that people are so invested and into it,” Overton said.

This year’s goal sits at $2.5 million in total, surpassing last years’ mass of donations. Overton was confident UNH would reach that. The live results showed that five areas of challenges have been reached with the help of 11,366 donors giving out $2,604,892.59, $100,000 more than the goal.

In the past, Overton has seen these donations go far for students. This year has been especially tough financially due to the pandemic and these donations have been crucial to the functionality of UNH. The library was able to get new charging stations, sports teams have been able to give out more scholarships and specific items have been able to be purchased for classrooms. “[the (603) Challenge] enhances a student’s experience,” Overton said.

Overton encouraged any clubs or departments that have not yet participated in the (603) Challenge to reach out to the Annual Giving Office so they can receive the gifts they deserve. Overton and her team have worked with some groups that have never fundraised before and aren’t used to getting any fundraising but find that even the smallest amount can be beneficial to the experience of their students.
**Student leaders address inequity in NH’s vaccination rollout**

By Aqeel Hisham

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On March 25, Gov. Chris Sununu announced that all New Hampshire residents aged 16 and older would be able to register for the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines starting April 2. However, this policy excluded thousands of out-of-state students who attend universities in New Hampshire and have been calling the Granite State their home for a majority of the past few years.

Student leaders from the University of New Hampshire (UNH), Dartmouth College and Plymouth State University believed that it was important to voice their opinions regarding vaccine distribution being inequitable among their peers. On April 5, a letter was sent to the Office of Governor Sununu addressing that out-of-state students in New Hampshire should be qualified to register for the COVID-19 vaccines as well. Since then, Sununu has addressed that out-of-state students will be eligible to register for the vaccine beginning April 19.

The letter was a collaboration work of Nicholas Fitzgerald and Tyler Silverwood of UNH; Cait McGovern, Jonathan Briffault, Teodor González Collazo, Hannah Sacchini, Eva Childers and Rachel Osmundsen of Dartmouth College; and Avery Jones of Plymouth State University.

In the letter, the student leaders stated that higher education institutions in New Hampshire houses thousands of students from across the nation, which is a “vital component of the State’s ecosystem.” The letter then proceeded with reasons supporting the vaccination of out-of-state students such as the safety of New Hampshire residents, guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and also the COVID-19 vaccines’ effectiveness rates.

“Once Governor Sununu sent out his response saying that only in-state students can get the vaccines, we had our hesitations. I believe Tyler (Silverwood) was the one who initially wanted to write a letter,” said Student Body President Nicholas Fitzgerald.

Since more than half of the Student Senate Cabinet members are out-of-state students, Student Body Vice President Tyler Silverwood received a lot of “strong opinions” against Sununu’s policy when he brought up the issue during a recent Cabinet meeting.

“I think it’s between 54% or 56% of our population [of UNH students] are out-of-state students. I mean if he (Governor Sununu) wants to really stop the spread not just on campuses but also in the communities, it only makes sense to vaccinate as many people as possible,” said Silverwood. However, Silverwood’s idea became a reality when student leaders from Dartmouth College reached out to them about working together.

“They reached out to us wanting the largest private school and the largest public school to work on writing a letter,” said Fitzgerald. According to Fitzgerald, this was the initial point of how the idea became a collaboration mission for these student leaders. UNH has been dubbed as having one of the best COVID-19 testing systems among universities in the nation. The vigorous and efficient testing system has allowed UNH to reopen its campus last fall, making it one of the few universities to allow face-to-face learning in a safe environment. When asked about Fitzgerald and Silverwood’s decision to collaborate with student leaders from other universities in New Hampshire, Silverwood stated, “I don’t think it should be UNH versus other colleges. I think it should be all of us versus the virus and it makes sense for us to team up! I think, especially students going up against the governor, that’s a pretty imbalanced power dynamic and it is and really the only way we have any chance of convincing him (Governor Sununu).”

Aside from the letter, Fitzgerald and Silverwood are working on other initiatives for out-of-state students to receive the COVID-19 vaccines in New Hampshire, which is by having UNH students to sign a petition.

“It’s our most liked post so far which always makes me happy when we get a lot of traction,” said Silverwood. Within a few days of the petition being up, Fitzgerald and Silverwood have managed to obtain around 1,250 signatures, which Silverwood claims to be “pretty good” since this was their very first petition on this issue.

Additionally, Silverwood stated, “Students want to feel safe, not just on campus but also at home and when they’re traveling. I think it’s really a disservice by the state not to make them feel safe after all we’ve (students) have given up for the past year.”

“We initially talked to President Dean about the idea of the letter and he was in favor of it, he thought that it would be good since he is working with other school’s presidents to push Governor Sununu and he loves the idea that we are working with other student presidents to push it through,” said Fitzgerald.

Is a statement by UNH’s Executive Director of Media Relations and Spokesperson, Erika Mantz stated, “President Dean supported our students expressing their opinions to the governor on this or on any issue. He shares the students’ hope that our entire community can be vaccinated as soon as possible.”

Sununu has since announced that beginning April 19, out-of-state students will be eligible to register to receive the vaccine in New Hampshire and sign up for appointments. Registration is now open through UNH for out-of-state students to register to receive the vaccine on April 19.
UNH SCOPE presents Alex Cooper of “Call Her Daddy”

By Evan Edmonds

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) Student Committee on Popular Entertainment (SCOPE) welcomed Alex Cooper, host of Barstool podcast “Call Her Daddy,” in an online Q&A event Tuesday night.

Cooper’s podcast is conversational and comedic, allowing the loyal audience - the “Daddy Gang” - to enjoy personal conversations about sex, relationships, social lives and more. Over 700 attendees logged into the webinar and tuned in to an entertaining conversation with Cooper and SCOPE’s Executive Director Maggie Kosalek and Publicity Director Sarah Greenwald. They spoke about some behind the scenes of the podcast, Cooper’s transition from college into the professional world and of course, the “father” bestowed some relationship advice upon the Daddy Gang. Cooper has never been to Durham, but said she wished she had when she was at Boston University. “What’s up there in UNH?” - she answered herself - “drinking and having fun!”

The Alex Cooper event is the fourth online webinar this year organized by SCOPE as an alternative to the typical concerts that the group has put on in pre-COVID-19 times. Both Kosalek and Greenwald said they were happy to welcome the first female to SCOPE’s events, following guests David Dobrik, Nick Kroll and Pete Davidson.

According to Kosalek, the response to the online SCOPE events has been great. “Students seem to like having something instead of nothing. SCOPE is fortunate enough to have the budget to put these shows on for students in a time where it is difficult for many orgs to do things that get students involved in such a high capacity,” she said.

These events have been an opportunity to cater to students interested in other entertainment sectors, Kosalek said. She also mentioned that they haven’t had the production, security or hospitality costs that come with live shows, so it’s been a different process this year.

Cooper commented on being an icon for normalizing female sexuality in the public eye, attributing it to her mother’s support and openness and emphasized the importance of being open with yourself as well. Cooper’s mom listens to all of her podcasts before they’re released and gives her feedback.

She also gave her stance on modern feminism, sharing that she supports women being treated equally to men, but that the current model of feminism is archaic in the sense that it’s men versus women: “it isn’t what it used to be and it needs to be more inclusive,” Cooper said.

The guests on “Call Her Daddy,” are all picked by Cooper. She said having Miley Cyrus on was a highlight for her as a Cyrus fan herself. Recently, “Call Her Daddy” episodes featured sports media personality and former porn star Mia Khalifa and model and television personality and former Playboy Bunny Holly Madison. Cooper said she’s learned a lot from all of her interviews and relating to all the different perspectives.

Cooper said the Khalifa episode and getting to know her was “one of the best experiences,” because she was able to get to know Khalifa prior to recording and heard a lot about what she’s gone through in her prior occupation. “To then hear how a contract so negatively affected her life and when she was so young she was basically coerced into signing,” Cooper said, “and then I meet Holly Madison a week later and she’s saying the same thing in just a little bit of a different aspect.”

Being a woman that transitioned into the business world, Cooper said hearing her negative experiences with contracts made her want to help educate people more about the risks of signing into unfavorable situations: “I’ve been there, now these women I’m talking to have been there - it was just really eye-opening,” Cooper said.

She spoke more about her experience getting into podcasting - explaining how a professor doubted her and told her no one would take her seriously. Cooper told the audience not to listen to those who say you can’t make it and offered professional advice for those who want to make it in the creative world. She encouraged people to take initiative, apply themselves and show potential employers what they can do to make themselves stand out.

Cooper shared her insights and pieces of advice to the UNH Daddy Gang about college relationships. Here were some of the most notable pieces of advice that Cooper shared:

• If a guy really does like you, he’ll let you know. If he wants you, he’ll make the effort!
• If someone cheats, they didn’t respect you enough. Leave! “You deserve better,” Cooper said.
• Long distance “can be fun,” if you can handle separation like Cooper, but if you’re stressing over it, especially in college, don’t force it.
• Even in a super supportive relationship like the one she’s in now, Cooper is still “playing games,” as the Daddy Gang knows her for.

Cooper concluded the event to work on her latest “Call Her Daddy” episode, focusing on some “TikTok tea,” and thanked the UNH Daddy Gang, encouraging fans to keep direct messaging, as she reads a lot of them when she can.

Kosalek chose not to comment when asked about any more potential SCOPE events before the end of the semester, but said SCOPE is hopeful for in-person events next semester if UNH is able to transition into green mode.

Photos courtesy of SCOPE.
Topanga Canyon Vintage holds first Maker’s Market

By Isabelle Curtis

STAFF WRITER

Lively chatter filled the parking lot behind Topanga Canyon Vintage on Saturday, April 10. Basil, a large German shepherd, loped across the concrete clamoring for attention from vendors and their customers. It was the first day of Topanga Canyon Vintage and Groovy Thrifty’s first-ever maker’s market to promote young artists and designers. The event was held on April 10-11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sophomore psychology major Sarah Jenuario sat behind a table near the front of the entrance. A collection of homemade rings and earrings were displayed in front of her. A box of beads and silver wire were placed next to Jenuario as she produced more rings. Pliers twisting the wire almost effortlessly.

“It’s a big turnout. It’s a lot busier than I expected it to be. The weather’s beautiful so it’s really nice to see people out and about, and supporting local artists. It’s great,” she said.

“I think it’s important to hold these events to support the artists who are usually just college students who are trying to make money. Everything’s expensive these days so it’s nice to have people around to support. It’s also good to cater to other college students who may not be able to afford smaller businesses because they do tend to be a little more expensive,” she said. “So, a lot of the product here is very affordable because it is a college town.”

Em Irvine, a sophomore journalism and marine biology dual major, also praised Topanga Canyon Vintage for giving exposure to her “little” earring-making business. She pointed to a pair of blue and pink rose earrings on the table. Irvine has been making them since she was 12 when her mom gifted her polymer clay, and she sold them at a maker’s market. However, Irvine said she “absolutely” plans on coming to another.

Meanwhile, some students, like senior occupational therapy major Charly Seyler, are veterans of the market experience. Seyler usually participates in the Memorial Union Building’s (MUB) annual winter Maker’s Expo and was saddened by its cancellation because of the COVID-19 pandemic last winter. The Topanga Canyon Vintage expo was the first time she had been in a maker’s event since then. She described it as a “great trial and error experience” to figure out what to sell from her crocheting business during spring and summer.

Seyler also stressed the importance of “taking a step back from fast fashion” and promoting sustainability. “I think just preventing waste, and doing as much as we can to reduce, reuse and recycle is so important. We’ve only got one planet. You have to be nice to it,” she said.

Topanga Canyon Vintage plans to hold another maker’s market next month on Friday, May 7 with a rain date of May 8. Vendor’s applications will be available soon. Updates can be found on their Instagram.

Isabelle Curtis/TNH Staff.
By Allison Musitano
STAFF WRITER

It can be sad seeing a good thing come to an end; and when it comes to entertainment, this couldn’t be more true. Getting swept up into a story and witnessing characters grow and eventually having to say goodbye is often a bittersweet experience. Yet in the case of TBS’ “Miracle Workers,” a comedy anthology series, each season finale offers a new beginning. With its first two seasons based on writer Simon Rich’s work, each season of “Miracle Workers” offers up a new story while keeping many of the same actors such as Daniel Radcliffe, Geraldine Viswanathan and Steve Buscemi. Season one of the show centers around angels Craig (Radcliffe) and Eliza (Viswanathan) determined to stop the apocalypse by convincing God (Buscemi) that Earth is worth keeping around. This season of the show is standard for the most part; while the show’s writing is no doubt satirical with a quirkiness that matches its premise, its race-against-the-clock setup leaves season one of the show primarily story-driven.

In comparison, season two of the show, “Miracle Workers: Dark Ages,” is a wildcard that challenges the viewer’s expectations: set in a satirical and anachronistic medieval setting (think “Ella Enchanted” or “A Knight’s Tale”), the show is carried by its cast of chaotic characters and joke after joke. If these stories were self-contained, that would be one thing, but oftentimes a series will be cut short without warning to both the audience and the creators, leaving all-too-many shows ending on a high-stakes season finale that will never be resolved. In a way, this makes “Miracle Workers” seem like a metaphorical “safe investment” when it comes to watching television shows today. Between the pandemic throwing a wrench into, well, everything, and finicky executives, it seems that half the shows out there nowadays are waiting to get canceled. If these stories were self-contained, that would be one thing, but oftentimes a series will be cut short without warning to both the audience and the creators, leaving all-too-many shows ending on a high-stakes season finale that will never be resolved. In a way, this makes “Miracle Workers” seem like a metaphorical “safe investment” when it comes to watching shows. Although it would be a shame if this show were canceled and its fantastic cast disbanded, any cancellation would not have an impact on the show’s story.

While a show like “Miracle Workers” may not be guaranteed to be great season after season, its anthology format may be a good way to prevent seasonal rot. Seasonal rot, otherwise known as a decline of a show over time, can be commonplace in long-lasting series, whether it be writers running out of story ideas or characters becoming caricatures of themselves. With a show like “Miracle Workers,” however, it is hard for characters to become stale if they are constantly changing and thrown into new situations. “Miracle Workers” and its commitment to short but energetic seasons leaves it feeling refreshing amidst other media out there. It is quality-over-quantity entertainment where you don’t need to binge-watch hours upon hours of other content to understand the show and its characters. All it is, is simple and creative fun.
Should students be required to pass a citizenship test?

By Ben MacKillop
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the New Hampshire State Senate passed HB320, a bill that if signed by Gov. Chris Sununu would add a civics competency as a graduation requirement for all New Hampshire public high schools. This bill flew mostly under the radar, passing the House 208-141 with some bipartisan support: 14 Democrats joined Republicans in favor with six Republicans voting against, before passing the Senate on complete party lines 14-10.

This bill would require all high school students to pass the 128-question citizenship naturalization exam with a 70% (normal passing is only 60%) in order to graduate. The New Hampshire House went a step further last week passing HB319, a similar bill that would require all New Hampshire college students (both in the University System of New Hampshire and community college system) to pass the same test as a graduation requirement, exempting exchange students and students holding foreign citizenship. This bill came down to a single vote in the House passing 188-187 with only seven Democrats in favor and 20 Republicans against.

As a political science student with a strong belief in broadening civics knowledge, my first instinct is usually to support bills that seek to expand civics knowledge in both secondary and higher education. However, use of the citizenship naturalization test as an instrument to test this knowledge, and the idea of forcing any test for civics knowledge, is a dated idea of civics education. In the 2020s, the Merriam-Webster definition of civics is listed as “The study of the rights and duties of citizenship.” In our current colloquial sense, having civics knowledge can usually be boiled down into having a basic understanding of government systems, understanding basic political structures, and voicing your ideas through voting. As political polarizations grow year after year it is no longer as simple as knowing basic U.S. history and the three branches of government to truly say you have civics knowledge. As the use of social media as a stage for politics grows, and interpretation of news and events from a variety of biased sources in the media and from politicians directly poses a series threat to public knowledge of events, our outdated idea of civics education is failing students.

Over the past few years, it has become more and more apparent that a lack of civics education is showing its face among the American voter base. If you have watched any kinds of political commentators on social media both on the left and the right, and even some late-night talk show hosts, you have likely seen on-the-street interviews with supporters of various politicians at a rally who has an absurdly low amount of knowledge of what they are protesting. Recent polls have shown that only 39% of Americans can name all three branches of government, with only 37% being able to name their Congressional representative.

While these numbers might give some credit to the idea of expanding civics education, using the naturalization test as an examination tool is a far shot from what we should be aiming for in education. Some of questions on the 128-question test include asking, “What is one-way Americans can serve their country,” “Name 5 of the original 13 colonies,” and “Name one important event of the Civil War.” In a survey from 2018, only 39% of Americans can name the Civil War, or being able to translate “E Pluribus Unum” does nothing to better our current political climate and only further distracts from education on current political and government issues (and historical issues left out of past education) being overshadowed by outdated civics education.

As someone with a deep passion for American politics and history, it does sadden me that fewer and fewer people learn and remember aspects of our history, but requiring students to pass the naturalization exam where many questions are one-way Americans can serve their country, “Name 5 of the original 13 colonies,” and “Name one important event of the Civil War.” In a survey from 2018, only 39% of Americans can name the Civil War, or being able to translate “E Pluribus Unum” does nothing to better our current political climate and only further distracts from education on current political and government issues (and historical issues left out of past education) being overshadowed by outdated civics education. While many people might point to these statistics as proof for how our education system is failing to inform young voters coming into the electorate, I think it rather shows a realignment in the ways we think about civics education. In the past five years there has been an outgrowth of polarizing factors on both sides of the political spectrum with intensely strong ideas for and against various types of social and institutional change. Requiring students to know key battles of the Civil War, or being able to translate “E Pluribus Unum” does nothing to better our current political climate and only further distracts from education on current political and government issues (and historical issues left out of past education) being overshadowed by outdated civics education.

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Caution: The J&J Jab

After six blood clotting cases appeared in the U.S. as a result of the novel Johnson & Johnson coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advised doctors and pharmacists to halt its use on a temporary basis. An investigation is currently taking place to determine the vaccine’s future.

For many, this development is a scary one. Nearly seven million people have received the vaccine since it was approved back in February. If you have been given it, or someone close to you has, this certainly gives you reason to worry.

Despite there only being six people that have been affected directly by this clotting dilemma, they are not your typical cases. Unlike most instances of blood clotting, these cases have been happening in unusual locations, including veins that drain blood from the brain, making their risk level rise significantly. Also, the affected vaccine recipients had very low amounts of clot-forming cells which usually leads to bleeding and not clotting.

While this is scary, the current chance of developing the reported symptoms is very slim. The chances of getting blood clots from the Johnson & Johnson vaccine of the limited time that they were created in. This is just part of the inevitable reformation process.

While this is very serious, many COVID-19 vaccine skepticism across the country have had Nipping these issues in the rear end while also ensuring that no more people will have this issue while they become more educated on the matter is a no brainer.”

“The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is going to be crucial to the U.S.’s continuation of the nationwide vaccination plans, as the one-shot factor is increasingly important in a lot of communities. Nipping these issues in the rear end while also ensuring that no more people will have this issue while they become more educated on the matter is a no brainer.”

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Women win, men lose as Wildcats host Maine

By Jared Gustafson
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend was busy for the University of New Hampshire’s (UNH) track and field team, as they competed in the Ocean State Invitational on Friday, April 9 and hosted Maine on Sunday, April 11.

UNH traveled down to Providence, Rhode Island on Friday to compete in a multi-team meet at Ray Trecy Track at Hendrickson Field. The UNH men’s team had runners in the 800-meter, and in the one mile run. The UNH women’s team had runners in the 800, one mile run, and in the 3000-meter dash.

In the men’s 800 gradu- ate student Matthew Adams had a fifth-place finish with a final time of 1 minute, 52.87 seconds. This was a special performance for Adams as this was his second-best finish in an outdoor competition.

UNH had a better chance of finishing first in the mile run as they had four runners compete in this event. Senior James Wilkes led UNH with a time of 4:07.20 and a fourth-place fin- ish. Right behind Wilkes was his teammate, graduate student Nicolas Sevilla-Connelly who had a time of 4:07.87. Trailing Sevilla-Connelly was his team- mate, senior Aidan Sullivan who finished the mile run with a time of 4:08.97. Senior Dylan McLaughlin had a bit of a disappointing run being that he finished in 25th with a time of 4:25.09.

Moving onto the women’s side of things, they saw many amazing performances by their runners on Friday. In the 800, sophomore Cailey Archer recorded a seventh-place finish with a final time of 2:20.40.

The mile run was the highlight of the day for UNH as first-year athlete Elizabeth Martell had her collegiate mile run debut. Martell was the ‘Cats top finisher with a time of 4:49.74 which was good enough to earn a fourth-place finish. Finishing in ninth place was the captain, senior Cayla Barretto who ran a time of 4:53.43. Behind Barretto were juniors Nicole Yeomans and Lauren Dean who had times of 4:55.55 and 5:01.11 which placed them in 11th and 14th place. Yeomans and Dean also earned themselves personal re- cords during Friday’s mile run.

The last event the ‘Cats competed in was the 3000. Leading the ‘Cats in the 3000 was graduate student Meg Champagne who secured a fifth place finish while finishing with a time of 10:00.04. Gradu- ate student Michelle Conory came in 10th place while grabbing a new personal record with a time of 10:09.94.

With little rest, UNH had to compete once again on Sunday as they hosted Maine. On the men’s side, UNH won seven individual events but they couldn’t get enough total points to defeat Maine resulting in a 153-125 loss.

Starting off in the field, ju- nior John King Jr. led UNH in first place in the javelin with a throw of 182 feet, three inches. Junior Emmanuel Nkonouk earned a first-place victory in the high jump with 6 3/4 feet. Three inches. Junior Nate Hobbs was also victorious in Sunday’s meet as he saw a first-place finish in his events. Hobbs had a leap of 24 3/4 feet in the long jump.

Moving onto the track, sophomore Aidan O’Hern captured a new personal record in the 1500-meter dash as he ran a time of 3:58.97. Another first-place victory was won by senior Michael Monahan in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15:23 seconds.

Wilkes led UNH on Friday while earning a fourth-place finish in the mile run and he continued to bring that same type of success into this event. Wilkes grabbed a first-place finish in the 800 with a final time of 1:50.86.

The UNH women’s team found more success than the men’s team on Sunday as they beat Maine 145-119. UNH earned 11 first-place victories on the day.

In the field, graduate student Alyssa Colbert broke the UNH school record in the discus which she previously owned with a throw of 157 feet, four inches. In the pole vault senior Jordan Hoffman was UNH’s only competitor in this event and was the top finish while recording a score of 11 feet, 2 1/2 inches. In the long jump UNH took the top four spots, first-year athlete Mia Taranko led the group with a jump of 17 feet, 5 1/4 inches.

The last victory in the field came by junior Sarah Williams who won the shot put event with a throw of 41’ 11.25.

On the track, UNH had a dominant day as they won a to- tal of seven events. Starting off on the 4x100-meter relay, the team of sophomore Meline Al- masian, junior Savannah Vatt- abedian, senior Kelly Crawford and junior Sage Tudisco earned a first-place finish with a final time of 49.53 seconds.

In the 1500, UNH had the first six-place finishes in the event with Champagne leading the group while running a time of 4:44.93.

In the 400-meter dash, Tudisco helped her team win another event as she ran a time of 15.55 seconds which earned her a first-place finish.

In the 400-meter dash, UNH took the top three spots in the event with Martell leading the ‘Cats with a time of 57.63 seconds.

In the 800, Barretto earned herself a first-place finish by running a time of 2:51.61. Junior Jennica Mannesto led UNH in the 3000 as she ran a time of 10:31.75.

The last victory of the day came by the 4x400 relay team which consisted of Archer, Yeomans, Dean, and Martell. The men’s team looks to get back on track next week while the women’s team looks to con- tinue their success as they both travel to Lowell, Massachusetts to face UMass Lowell at the George Davis Invitational.

Wildcat senior Michael Monahan clearing a set of hurdles on his way to earn first place in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.23 seconds.
Liv Dunn thriving in her second season as a Wildcat

By Spencer Marks
SPORTS WRITER

From an All Lakes Region League All-Star as a junior and senior in high school, to a slow start in her University of New Hampshire (UNH) career. Sophomore attacker Liv Dunn has followed that up with a breakout second season and has nothing but potential in her future.

The 2020 women’s lacrosse season—a large amount of appreciation brought out a new light for abrupt ending, Dunn noted that shock,” explained Dunn.

though COVID was spreading UNHDZLOGÀUHLWVWLOOFDPHDVD for all athletes who missed the stat line. She did not manage to record a point in her first game of the 2021 season. Dunn played a huge factor in helping the team get their state- ment victory as she scored five goals and added one assist in the 20-9 win over Merrimack College (1-8, 1-6).

Both head coach Sarah Al- brecht and Dunn spoke about Dunn’s improvement, it was clear that the two were on the same page. “The biggest thing that she was able to improve on was her mental game. In her first year she was in her head a lot about mistakes that she had made during practice or games,” Albrecht expressed. “I think this year she came in and really turned around her mentality. She was able to shake off mistakes more and learned from them.”

Dunn echoed the same sentiment. “I have always been that player that thinks really hard because I expect the best out of myself. So when I didn’t, I used to fall into thinking too much,” Dunn said. “This year I was like ‘it doesn’t matter.’ So if I dropped a ball, missed a shot, or wasn’t in the right place it doesn’t matter. It mat- ters what the next play is. I think that is something that has resonated with me a lot.”

Dunn has stayed consistent throughout the season to this point. She has scored at least one goal in four of the six games this season. Along with putting up at least one shot on goal in each game this season.

Being just a sophomore on a team filled with juniors and seniors, Dunn has a lot of lead- ers to look up to. She noted her appreciation for a few of her teammates. “[Tatum Benesh] doesn’t take things too seriously but knows when to buckle down. I appreciate her energy and how she believes in every single one of us,” said Dunn about the senior co-captain.

She went on to also talk about fifth-year captain Rylee Leonard and senior Julia Ney- land. “They’re both tenacious and hardworkers. Watching them and finally being on the field with them has given me a big- ger appreciation for what they do and how hard they work,” Dunn explained.

Still without a full season under her belt, Albrecht thinks Dunn will only get better with the experience of a full schedule.

“I definitely think there is room to grow for her and learn more about the game,” said Albrecht. “I think a full year is going to help that out a lot. We were a little limited throughout the fall so I think with a full season and going into competi- tions she can really get a lot of experience and start to under- stand her teammates a little bit better.”

Edelman calls it quits after 12 seasons

By Brackett Lyons
SPORTS WRITER

Foxborough, Massachusetts is a town built by underdogs. A franchise that nearly folded and moved, a sixth-round quar- terback in Tom Brady and a seventh-round QB turned wide receiver in Julian Edelman. Edelman was in every fiber of his being an underdog. He stands only 5-foot-10, wasn’t invited to the NFL combine and was the 232nd overall pick. Nothing about Edelman in 2009 said he was going to be one of the greatest postseason receivers the game has ever seen—he was.

To Patriots fans, Edelman burst onto the scene as a punt returner who moonlighted as a defensive back whenever injuries hit the secondary. He also caught a few passes in the slot, but never became anything more than a situational play for the team.

As the 2013 season transformed into Welker 2.0 in the AFC Divisional Round. Later that season caught the game-win- ning touchdown in Super Bowl XLIX. Two years after that, he somehow came down with the football amid a pile of limbs in Super Bowl LI. That catch along with four others helped Tom Brady and company climb back from a 28-3 deficit against the Atlanta Falcons.

Edelman did all of this while absorbing hit after hit. He often ran so-called “coffin routes” where punishment from a linebacker was all but guar- anteed. He played through ev- erything imaginable. In 2017, however, a preseason ACL tear sidelined Edelman for an entire season. He watched from the sideline as the Patriots fell to the Eagles in Super Bowl LII.

The feisty special teamer transformed into Welker 2.0 in the 2013 season. When the Pats faced off against Welker and the Denver Broncos, Edelman looked up at the bright lights of Sunday Night Football and put on a show. He finished with nine catches and 110 yards along with two touchdowns; the second of which gave the Patriots their first lead of the night after trailing 24-0 at halftime.

That night marked the first signature moment of a career check full of them. A year later, Edelman threw a game-tying touchdown pass in the AFC Divisional Round. Later that season caught the game-win- ning touchdown in Super Bowl XLIX.

It’s “not about how hard you hit. It’s about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward.”

Edelman embodied this more than most. He was back in 2018 and had his best postseason to date. Traveling to Kansas City to take on the heavily favored Chiefs, the Patriots needed everything they had. Edelman, as always, brought it. The seventh rounder snagged seven passes for 96 yards. The two critical first down conversions on third- and-long have stuck in Pats fans’ memories.

In Super Bowl LIII, Edel- man took home his third Lom- bardi trophy along with the game’s MVP award. With his 10 receptions, 141-yard night, the pint-sized kid who took Jerry Rice’s daughter to prom moved into second all-time in postseason receptions and receiving yards, only behind Rice.

His last two seasons didn’t have the same glory as others, but Edelman was still there grinding, working and going until the wheels fell off. As he said in his retirement video Monday afternoon, the wheels finally fell off. Edelman isn’t going out on his own terms, but he’s going out in the only way he knows how, with nothing left to give and nothing left to prove.
Transfer Update: Wildcats lose Sutherlin, add Seymour

By Cameron Beall
SPORTS EDITOR

University of New Hampshire (UNH)men’s basketball announced last week that they have added sophomore sharp-shooter Sloan Seymour by way of the NCAA transfer portal. Seymour spent this past season with The George Washington University (GW) and his freshman season at Siena College. With the addition of Seymour, however, comes the departure of All-Conference guard Sean Sutherlin.

Seymour played in 12 games at GW in 2020-21 while averaging 4.3 points and shooting 36.8% from three-point range. At Siena he scored 9.1 points per game shooting 36.8% from three and shot 37.3% from deep. Seymour started in 32 of his 33 games at GW in 2020-21 and was one of the leaders for the Wildcats averaging 12.8 points, 9.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists while notching 12 double-doubles. The 6-foot-9 guard missed all of this past season due to injury.

Sutherlin announced his commitment to the Big Ten university via his Twitter on Sunday with the simple message, “I’m working to play more off the dribble,” said Seymour. “I can definitely go down low and shoot over smaller defenders. I think I can still continue to add to my game.”

UNH also struggled at three-point shooting ability with good length and elite three-point shooting ability who will help us space the floor,” said Herrion.

Seymour agrees that shooting is his greatest asset right now, but he believes he’s still developing and can help in other ways. “I’m working to play more off the dribble,” said Seymour. “I can definitely go down low and shoot over smaller defenders. I think I can still continue to add to my game.”

UNH got bounced in their opening game of the America East Tournament this season after such high expectations to start the year. Injuries throughout the year plagued them at points, but Seymour believes the Wildcats are knocking on the door of March. “I think we can do something special at UNH,” Seymour told The New Hampshire. “The opportunity to win a conference championship and go dancing in March; I think we’re right on the doorstep.”

As the Wildcats welcome Seymour, they also say goodbye to Sean Sutherlin. Sutherlin’s long, winding road since graduating high school has finally led him back home and to a “Power Five” Conference (SEC, ACC, Big Ten, Pac-12, Big 12). Sutherlin graduated from Irondale High School before heading to Sheridan Junior College for two seasons. He then transferred to UNH for his junior season where he was one of the leaders for the Wildcats averaging 12.8 points, 9.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists while notching 12 double-doubles. The 6-foot-5 guard missed all of this past season due to injury.

Sutherlin entered the transfer portal back in February and garnered interest from schools like Oregon State, Missouri and Minnesota. The Minnesota native said the decision was pretty easy for him when the Golden Gophers came calling. “When Minnesota reached out, I was really excited,” Sutherlin told the Star Tribune. “This is definitely a dream come true. It’s something I’ve been thinking about for a long time. When coach offered, I really had no other choice but to accept.”

Sutherlin announced his commitment to the Big Ten university via his Twitter on Sunday with the simple message, “I’m coming home!!!”

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Wildcats’ newest transfer student Sloan Seymour at The George Washington University.

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Men’s Basketball Top Returners

N. Guadarrama
PTS  14.0
REB  6.4
FG%  44%

J. Martinez
PTS  13.6
REB  8.5
FG%  48%

Q. Murphy
PTS  8.6
REB  2.4
FG%  40%

B. Tchoukuing
PTS  11.8
REB  2.8
FG%  53%

N. Johnson
PTS  7.9
REB  4.4
FG%  45%

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

By Shaun Petipas  
SPORTS EDITOR

BURLINGTON, VT. — No. 11 University of New Hampshire (UNH) men’s soccer (6-0-1, 4-1-1) defeated rival Vermont (4-1-1, 4-1-1) by a final of 2-1 to give the Wildcats the America East regular season crown for the second straight season.

The Wildcats will be the No. 1 seed in the four-team America East Championship which will be played in Wildcat Stadium Thursday, April 15, and then again on Saturday, April 17. The Wildcats will be looking to win their third straight America East title.

UNH came out of the gates ready to go and ready to clinch the top seed in the America East. Just six minutes in they generated their first opportunity from graduate student Sam Hemeberg who ripped a shot low but senior goalkeeper Nathan Silveira came up with the timely save. Vermont pushed back in another physical game with a chance of their own but graduate student Alejandro Robles stood tall and made the save to keep the score tied at zero.

UNH broke the stalemate and finally got through the stifling Vermont defense to score their first goal of the season against the Catamounts.

Graduate student Paul Mayer sent a shot to the left side of the net just out of the reach of Silveira giving him his team-leading fifth goal of the season and his team the 1-0 lead. Mayer’s goal along with an assist earned him his second America East Offensive Player of the Week on the season. He last earned the honor on March 23 following a 2-1 win over Stony Brook.

The Wildcats felt the momentum shift in their favor and less than three minutes later senior Victor Menendez had a grade A chance. He was able to one-time the ball from eight yards out but Silveira came up with a fantastic save keeping the score 1-0.

The Wildcats were the better team in the first half posting four shots compared to Vermont’s one. Silveira kept his side within striking distance but coming out of halftime UNH was able to increase their lead quickly.

In the 55th minute sophomore Mabil Kamal extended the UNH lead with his third goal of the season when he ripped a shot past Silveira. From there Vermont seemed to show some resiliency and fight.

They were able to answer the UNH goal with one of their own nearly 10 minutes later off the foot of first-year defender Bjarni Adalsteinsson. This was the first goal Vermont had scored against the Wildcats this season and it couldn’t have come at a more crucial time.

With Vermont only trailing by one they continued to apply pressure on the UNH side of the field but Robles and the UNH defense held strong in the final minutes not allowing the Catamounts to tie the game.

The game ended 2-1 in favor of the Wildcats.

Both teams took 12 shots with six of them on goal for UNH and four for UVM. Both goalkeepers showed why they are two of the best in the conference with Robles coming up with three saves while Silveira posted four.

It didn’t matter where the Wildcats played this season as they went undefeated in this truncated schedule. The team has now risen even further in the United Soccer Coaches Poll after their victory in the season finale. UNH is now No. 10 in the nation, topping their previous best which was set the week prior. This is the first time in program history to team has reached the top-10.

The Wildcats next game will be against the fourth seeded Hartford Hawks (3-2-1, 3-2-1). UNH defeated the Hawks earlier this season in a 4-0 shutout. The Wildcats will play Thursday at 2 p.m. Vermont and NJIT (4-4-1, 4-2-2) will kick off at 7 p.m. The winners of those games will play Saturday, April 17 in Wildcat Stadium for the America East Championship.

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UNH men’s soccer team celebrates after clinching the No. 1 seed in the AE Tournament.

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**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

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DURHAM, N.H. — Just one week after clinching a playoff berth in the final week of the regular season, coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns forced the University of New Hampshire (UNH) women’s soccer team (3-2-2, 2-2) to withdraw from the America East Tournament. The timing of the outbreak couldn’t have been worse for the Wildcats. UNH had managed to avoid an outbreak this season, but with the America East Semifinal set to be played Thursday, the positive tests meant a withdrawal from the season.

“The team was exceptional with everything we did in regard to COVID. They just did everything we asked them to do,” said head coach Steve Welham.

Women’s soccer is now the second UNH program in as many weeks to have their season cut short due to COVID-19. Football found a similar fate after only completing one game and having to postpone three more before their eventual opt out.

At the end of the year, UNH will say goodbye to three seniors who helped lead the ‘Cats through a season unlike any other. Co-captain forward Francesca Picicci, her fellow co-captain midfielder Casey Peterson and goalkeeper Cam Drost will all leave Durham this spring with big cleats to fill.

Welham couldn’t have been prouder when discussing the three young women. He emphasized not only their talent and work on the field but their academic success as well.

“What they did over the course of four years has been nothing short of spectacular,” noted Welham.

The head coach said there’s no question that the team will miss the seniors. Picicci finished her UNH career with 49 appearances scoring four goals and assisting three. Peterson leaves Durham with one goal and three assists in 31 appearances. Drost will depart with five games and zero goals conceded.

Picicci, Peterson and Drost were given the opportunity to help UNH raise a trophy this year but lifted the whole team, according to Welham. He said that his seniors’ experience, especially his captains, were vital to help his young team understand what it takes to find success at the Division I level.

UNH fielded 12 first-year athletes this season, and Welham said that his seniors were the role models they needed.

“We call it like it’s like a three-pronged approach,” Welham explained. “You’ve got to be a good person; you’ve got to be a good student and a good soccer player. And that’s what’s most important for us, and along the way to learn some life lessons that are going to help you when you graduate.”

The task will now fall on Welham and the returning Wildcats to build upon this season and ensure younger players can replace the departing seniors’ production and leadership. Every returning member of the team will have the extra motivation of a season cut short.

“There’s certainly an element of unfinished business, having clinched the semifinal place and being one of the final four teams,” said Welham.

Despite a season cut short, the Wildcats had three players honored by the America East. Picicci was named to the All-Conference Second Team along with the All-Academic Team. First-year defender Alivia Kelly was named to the All-Conference Second Team with Picicci as well as the All-Rookie Team. First-year midfielder Anna Hewlett also joins her teammate on the All-Rookie Team.

In the meantime, Welham said his players would get a well-deserved rest.

“They need to take some time, enjoy that. Enjoy what it’s like being a college student as well.”