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MUB flash fire injures two workers

By DAVE KATZ
Staff Reporter

After only two weeks of operation, the newly renovated Memorial Union Building returned to darkness Saturday morning following an electric flash fire that injured two men and closed the building.

According to Tom Lonnquist, director of the MUB, the flash fire occurred

at 9:32 a.m. Saturday on the main panel in the electric room of the building, where two electricians were reportedly testing a meter they had installed for the bookstore. The electricians, Jack Emery and Mike Webb, work for Interstate Electrical, a subcontracted company for R.C. Foss and Sons Inc., the contracting company for the MUB project

While on a routine pa-

Officials seeking cause of incident

trol in the area, University Police Sgt. Paul Dean discovered the men coming out of the electric room in flames, Lonnquist said. Dean immediately used snow to put out the flames.

"No doubt he was extremely helpful to those gentlemen's health," he said. Lonnquist said Webb was

taken to Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover, treated for first- and second-degree burns and then released.

Emery was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital and was listed in critical condition with second- and third-degree burns to the face, hands and

chest, he said. According to a Mass. General spokesperson, Emery's condition has improved and he has been upgraded to serious condition as of midday Monday. He is expected to be hospitalized for 6 to 8 weeks.

The State Fire Marshall, the State Electrical Department
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Electrical fire forces Greeks from MUB

By JENN MENENDEZ
TNH Reporter

Saturday's sixth annual Greek Leadership Conference, forced to relocate to Horton after an electrical problem closed the Memorial Union Building, brought almost 200 Greeks together in an effort to work on the image of the Greek system and to explore new ways to reach out to the community.

Geared toward the new executive members of Greek houses on campus, the day-long conference, entitled "Looking Inward — Moving Forward," featured speakers from all over

New England, according to Nicole Westcott of Greek Affairs.

The conference was divided into four blocks of six- and seven- hour workshops. Workshop topics included public relations, leadership development, organizational communication, social policy and chapter organizations and recruitment and retention.

The sudden change in location proved to be a lesson in crisis management, according to Westcott.

"It really showed how people can pull together. I'm really excited," Westcott said. "We're on schedule;

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Forest Park residents protest tax

By MOLLY McCARTHY
TNH Reporter

A protest in front of Thompson Hall last Wednesday ended after only 90 minutes when tenants of Forest Park Apartments and UNH interim president Walter Peterson met and were satisfied with the progress they made in talks.

Tenants of the Forest Park Apartments arrived in front of Thompson Hall at 8 a.m. to air their concerns surrounding the future affordability of their current housing, said Wendy Allen of the Forest

Park Tenant Community.

The UNH Trustees plan to vote on a proposal which will require currently tax-exempt, on-campus businesses to pay Durham a one-percent surcharge, said Trustee Creely S. Buchanan.

"One percent is an arbitrary figure, not scientific. It's not a sales tax but it is improper. I don't see how the university can be held hostage to it," said Buchanan. "I don't know of any other university that pays tribute to the merchants of its town."

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Editor's note

Welcome to the bare-bones edition of *The New Hampshire*. Due to the electrical problems in the MUB this weekend and Monday, the staff has been unable to perform many of the tasks required to produce a normal issue.

To ensure public safety, police and fire officials decided to keep the MUB closed while the fire alarm system was shut off and the electrical problems were repaired. Nobody could get in without a good reason and a police

escort. This is why WUNH was off the air all weekend and why phones have remained largely unanswered throughout the MUB since Saturday.

Instead of canceling the issue, however, the staff decided to create an abbreviated version of *TNH*. We realize many elements of the paper are missing, but we promise they will return Friday when MUB life returns to normal.

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unable to serve today. Due to the building shutdown, our graphics, advertising and production staff was unable to work until Monday evening. We appreciate your business and hope you accept our apology for the situation.

We wish a speedy recovery to Jack Emery and Mike Webb and thank them for their efforts to make the MUB a great place for UNH.

MUB mailboxes get mixed messages

By LISA WOLFF
For TNH

Most UNH students have a new key to add to their key-chains this semester, which gives them a convenient location to pick up their mail. However, many off-campus and non-traditional students feel they have been either inconvenienced or left out of the decision to assign all students a university address in the MUB's Granite Square Station.

MUB Director Tom Lonnquist said the purpose of the mailboxes is to increase awareness and involvement in community events, provide a better source of communication for undergraduates by having one stable address, provide convenience for students who will no longer need to change their addresses with U.S. mail, and lastly, save the University in postal costs, which Lonnquist estimated at \$100,000 per year.

"It means that money will go back into and hopefully

improve the educational environment," Lonnquist said.

MUB operations manager Polly House has received six written letters and several phone calls from off-campus students who see the new mail room as an inconvenience and want their mail sent to their home address instead.

Kimberly Kuras, a junior, wrote a letter to House in an attempt to terminate her established university address and have her mail sent to her Newmarket address. Kuras argued that because she works an incredible amount of hours during the week in addition to going to school full time, picking up her mail is an unnecessary hassle.

"It's a hassle to try and find those few extra moments to find a parking spot to get to the mailbox and then park again, closer to class," said Kuras. "I wish they had given us the choice."

"I think it is unreasonable for them to expect off-campus students to go to the MUB everyday, after going a

year and a half without having any real reason for going there," said junior, Nora Watson, a Dover resident.

"There are people out there who shouldn't have one, but an inconvenience is not necessarily a good reason for not having a mailbox," said House.

Anyone who can prove hardship and wishes to terminate their established university address may write a letter and go before a grievance committee, said House. She has received six letters so far.

While some off-campus

students complain about having a mailbox on campus, many non-traditional students are complaining about being left out of the whole process, according to co-chairperson for the Non-traditional Student Organization; Debbie Nicols.

Around the time of Jan. 16, all non-traditional students were sent copy letters from "The MUB Staff" notifying them that the MUB was roughly 600 mailboxes short, according to Nicols.

The letter proceeded by asking them to respond by Jan. 26 if they wanted a mail-

box, at which time the MUB would assume "no" for an answer if they had not replied, said Nicols.

Although the letter assured non-traditional students that the University would find a way to fund mailings to these off-campus addresses, Nicols felt they were being discriminated against.

"It eliminated the first opportunity that the organization has striven 19 years for—to communicate with their population," said Nicols.

Nicols sent in for a mail-
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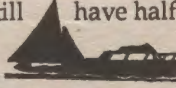
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Food Court craze cancels Lumpy's

By CARA COSTANZO
For TNH

While the Food Court is thriving, last year's most reliable food source — Lumpy's — is sitting idly in the bowels of the new MUB. Students expressed anger and even disappointment at the sight of overturned stools and dark television screen. The future status of Lumpy's, if students are willing to initiate change, does not look as dark and dismal.

According to Tom Lonnquist, director of the MUB and student activities, keeping Lumpy's open seven days a week was a necessity last year. This year, however, the new Food Court has taken priority and some students are not happy about it.

Freshman Jamie Fries was working at Lumpy's during Jukebox II.

"It was very disappointing because I used to come here with friends after class and hang out and watch TV," she said. "Now that it's not here, it's a different atmosphere."

Lonnquist explained the reasons behind the change of atmosphere at Lumpy's. He said the trends of the last two and three weeks have shown that Lumpy's remains unused a majority of the time. It costs money each time Lumpy's is open whether there are two or 50 customers.

A committee composed of the MUB Board of Governors and people who have a stake in the retail businesses in the MUB, made the decision last fall to close Lumpy's during the week once the new food court was operational.

In favor of keeping Lumpy's open during the week if students would put it to use, Lonnquist said, "If the student buys his or her cup of coffee [in the MUB] rather than somewhere else, that money drops into their MUB and lowers the fees," Lonnquist said.

Although the decision regarding the fate of the University Club has not been

made, Lonnquist emphasized the point that Lumpy's will not be made exclusive to either group if the University Club moves into the bar as proposed.

"We're a public building and the students paid for it," he said. "I don't believe [in carving] out a niche that says only people with a membership can go in this room."

After spending so much money in construction, there is a lot of pressure to make the MUB retail businesses profitable. Lonnquist and Steve Canario, general manager of the MUB food service with ARAMARK, both agreed that Lumpy's must have hours that will make the bar profitable.

Lonnquist and Canario both suggested the movement to rejuvenate Lumpy's must be made by students.

"We're encouraging [students] the best we can to step up to the plate," said Lonnquist.

Last year, students and campus organizations took advantage of the free space in Lumpy's. According to

Lonnquist, that trend has declined since last semester and even more since the opening of the MUB's Food Court.

The space is available for students and organizations if they want to utilize it for dances or meetings. Lonnquist would like to see organizations like CAB, IRO and BSU plan weekly events that will attract students.

"If students want to book Lumpy's for an event, they need to call the MUB office," said Canario.

According to Lonnquist, last year's comedy events sold out, showing that students like a regularly scheduled events, but it is up to the students to initiate and follow through with their proposals.

Canario did offer some hope regarding the short term plans for Lumpy's.

"I will be discussing with Tom [Lonnquist] this week that the lights, TV, and/or radio should be kept on [during the hours kept by the] games room."

As for the long term plans for Lumpy's, there are none.

Many students may agree with the perspective of sophomore Darlene Stella who said, "I think it is unfair that the

place that kept the MUB alive during construction is getting the short end of the stick now that there is more activity."

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It was very disappointing because I used to come here with friends after class and hang out and watch TV. Now that it's not here, it's a different atmosphere. — Jamie Fries, freshman
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Peterson details his duties at UNH

By SHANA A. BRUNYE
TNH Reporter

To many students, the president's job may seem like a big secret; however, Walter Peterson, the interim president of UNH, is attempting to open the channels of communication.

The most crucial part of his job, Peterson said, is to "get people to rise above individual concerns and pay attention to the greater good of the institution itself."

In an effort to coordinate all the diverse aspects of the university community, Peterson has many meetings.

He listens to the concerns of the elected leaders of the student body, he advises various organizations about fund-raising efforts and he meets with employees who have concerns or problems.

Peterson said his sense of purpose and vision is continually modified and affected by the input he receives. While he is considered the head of the university, he must take policy direction from the University System of New Hampshire's board of trustees. Under the university system, there are bylaws and regulations that govern what the president can and cannot do. Peterson said his decisions must follow these guidelines.

Another key aspect of the president's position is as spokesperson for UNH.

Peterson said he is "definitely an advocate to let

people outside know what an asset UNH is to New Hampshire."

"It's essential to attend every function possible to show support for what's important, whether it be a play, an athletic contest or a cultural event, because these are ways in which we show the greater public what we are all about," he added.

Peterson said one of his top goals is to turn around the monetary problems of UNH.

"My task was to try as much as possible this year to slightly reposition the university so it would be financially secure over the next two years," said Peterson.

In order to do this, Peterson said he has had to bite some bullets.

One of these bullets is "recognizing that not everyone will agree, and that we will stop for a time doing some things that are good, but we will continue to do things that are more important."

Peterson said another part of his task is to restore trust within the university.

"I could see that the traditional trust relationships had been eroded somewhat," he said.

Peterson said he believes some of the trust relationships are beginning to show signs of mending.

Peterson's greatest challenge is to achieve these goals within the time frame of his position, he said.

Peterson said he's agreed to stay at UNH until the university has found the successor they want.

Peterson retired a year and a half ago as president of Franklin Pierce College after serving there for 20 years because he felt "it was time for a new leader, someone younger, someone who could carry on."

After leaving UNH, Peterson said he has no definite plans. He has promised to take his wife, Dorothy, on a vacation, but after that he only hopes to keep himself and his mind busy. Because he keeps being recruited for various jobs, he is confident "something will turn up."

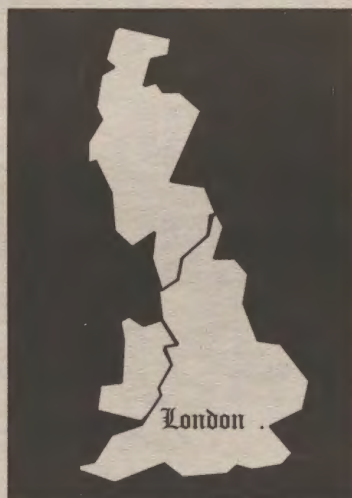
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Greeks without advisor

By KRISTIN BELSITO
For TNH

For four months, members of the university Greek system have gone without a designated adviser.

After three years as the Greek Adviser to the university, Andy Robison stepped down from his position in early October to take a job at Georgia Tech.

According to Inter-Fraternity Council president Geoff Fiedler and Panhellenic Council President Adrian Shulman, the two councils seem to be getting along just fine without an adviser.

Fiedler and Shulman said most of the slack has been taken up by Cari Moorhead, assistant director of the MUB; Christine Looby, general assistant for Greek Affairs, and Tiffany Snyder, who Fiedler said was indispensable.

Shulman added that Moorhead has also done an excellent job.

"Moorhead has been great. She's really stepped up

and taken over Andy's role," said Shulman.

Fiedler said he feels the Greek lifestyle is wrongly perceived as being irresponsible and unappealing.

"I am looking forward to getting a new adviser to increase the credibility of the IFC with the administration and the town of Durham," Fiedler added.

The role of Greek adviser serves to connect the Greek system to the university and the town of Durham. Responsibilities include advising programs for the Inter-Fraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council.

However, Shulman said she felt the absence of an adviser was actually causing the two councils to take responsibility and come together, making them stronger.

"Tiffany Snyder has taken over the Panhellenic advising and has done a wonderful job," said junior Amie Pelletier, president of Alpha Chi Omega.

Senior Sigma Nu brother Adam Edgar remembered

when Betsey Parente held the advising position. Edgar said he felt Parente had been against Greek life but that Robison was truly invested in promoting a positive Greek image. Edgar also said he was sad to see Andy go but is hopeful a new adviser will be found soon.

Junior Joshua Corman, president of Alpha Gamma Rho, said he is happy for Robison but is also anxious to get an adviser.

"He'll be dearly missed. He had a lot of great ideas. He just needed help getting them started," Corman said.

"We need a liaison between the Greek system and the university as soon as possible," said junior Jennifer Roth, president of Alpha Xi Delta.

"It is important for the university to know that without a Greek adviser, [the Greek System] is not adviserless," Looby said.

Looby added that she was on a committee formed to take
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ment, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) are handling the investigation of the incident, Lonquist said. Although the cause of the flash fire has not yet been determined, a connection to the Jukebox 2 festivities that occurred the night before has been ruled out.

The Durham Fire Department and the University Police Department

responded to the call and evacuated an estimated 450 people from the building, fire department officials said. The majority of those evacuated were fraternity and sorority members attending a Greek Leadership Conference in the building.

Lonquist said that five relay boxes and their connecting cables were destroyed. There was no other dam-

age to the rest of the building, he added.

The decision to keep the MUB closed Monday was not easy; however, it was necessary to completely shut the power down in order for repairs to be made, Lonquist said.

"Working on a cold panel is much safer for those working on it," he said. "This was the cleanest and safest path for those workers."

Lonquist said the R.C. Foss insurance policy will cover all of the damages.

MUB administrators are urging those affected to document any losses they have incurred due to the MUB closure, he said. These reports will be submitted to the insurance carrier.

The MUB is scheduled to open at 7 a.m. today, Lonquist said.

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tell me that's not crazy."

Assistant Director of the MUB Cari Moorhead was also pleased by the reaction to the last-minute change.

"[Saturday] shows what people can do in an emergency when they've got a clear vision of what they're trying to achieve," Moorhead said.

"This is an example of what leaders need to be able to respond to. It says a lot about the Greek system that it went off without a hitch."

According to Westcott, the main purpose of confer-

ence was to explore new ways to reach out into the community and to work on the total image of the Greek system at UNH, making it "a year of reflection for the Greek system."

"We're trying to take control and responsibility and become more of a part of the university system," Westcott added.

Judge William H. Shaheen of Durham District Court was the event's keynote speaker. Shaheen, who graduated from UNH in 1965

and was a Lambda Chi Alpha brother, urged his fellow Greeks to take their responsibilities and freedoms seriously.

"You have a lot more freedom than we had, and with it comes more responsibility," Shaheen said. "Fraternities and sororities are better today because they've belied up to the idea of responsibility." Workshop presenter Lee Anne Fenner, hall director of the Upper Quad, said the Greek system as a whole is in need of a morale boost.

"I think they have to pull themselves up by the boot straps morale wise," Fenner said.

According to Westcott, each of the 13 fraternity and five sorority houses were represented.

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Sixteen to 18 tenants, most of whom are students at UNH, attended the protest, according to Allen.

Rent for Forest Park residents could increase significantly if the trustees approve the measure, Allen said.

"We chose to protest in front of Thompson Hall because that is where

Peterson resides," Allen said.

Allen also said the protesters accomplished what they hoped to. "We wanted to be seen and to let people know we weren't going to take the rent increase sitting down," Allen said.

Allen said she and the other protesters had the opportunity to meet

with Peterson and tell him about their financial situations. "Most of us live near the poverty level," she had told Peterson.

UNH has agreed to pay for tuition over a three-year period for children living in this tax-exempt property as of July 1 if the measure passes.

Buchanan said their education is

not being paid for now.

"Usually the landlord pays taxes and that pays for education," he said. "That's not so in this case because the university pays no taxes."

"It should be paid for by someone," Buchanan said, "and the renters will be the ones to do it."

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box and has been urging many non-traditional students to do the same.

The mailboxes were originally going to be designed for Area II students, according to Charles Scott, Manager of Mail Services.

When it was discovered that the mailboxes were deteriorating in Stilling and Philbrook halls, it was decided that the three mail rooms would be combined into one with extended hours.

This decision was expanded to include off-campus students, "to get students into the MUB and use it more," speculated Scott.

According to House, this system is not going to go away and will be improved until everyone has a university mailbox. "It's a brand new thing and all new things have glitches," said House.

House, Lonnquist and Scott all agreed that change is hard for anyone, but after a few years it will be routine.

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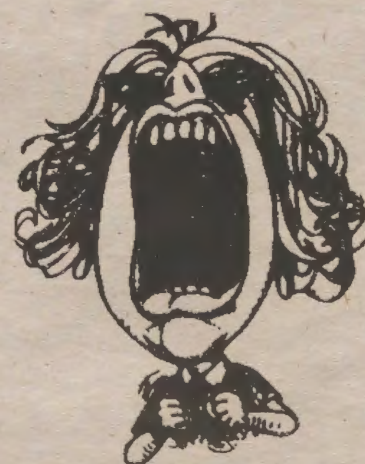
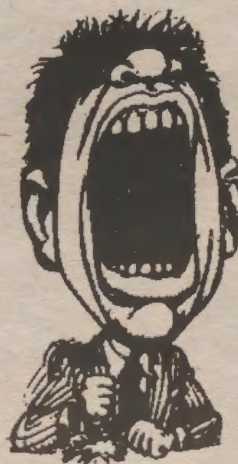
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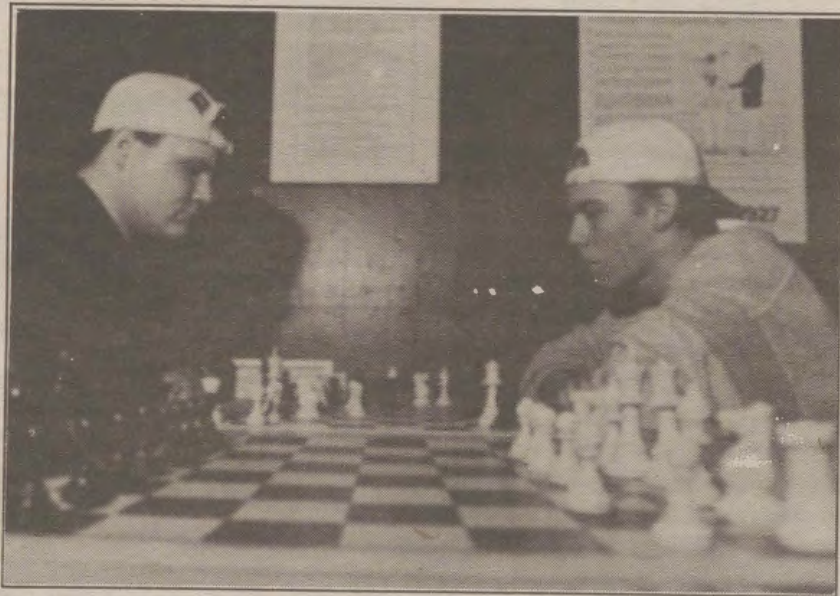
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Junior Jason Handy gets entangled in a Twister tournament.

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the brunt of the advisor's responsibilities. Other committee members include Moorhead, assistant hall directors Tiffany Snyder and Mike Murphy, vice president of student affairs Leila Moore and two students, junior Allison Ross and senior Nikki Westcott. The committee sponsored a leadership conference last weekend.

A new advisor has not been found.

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"I thought my adrenaline would carry over to the team," Eusebio said. "We just went flat. I think the lack of maturity is what's hurting us. We just let the game slip away."

The Wildcats fate began to charge with 11:08 left in the second half when freshman guard John Gordon (9 points) was called for a foul and proceeded to slam the ball provoking a technical foul.

UNH junior Ryan Gatchell hit three of the four free-throws to cut the Maine lead to 63-52.

Senior guard Matt Alosa (30 points) accounted for 10 of the next 12 Wildcat points, including two three-pointers to bring the score to 68-64 in favor of the Black Bears.

With 4:30 left in the game, Wildcat forward Matt Acres drove the lane and converted to bring UNH within two (68-66). Six seconds later, Eusebio fouled out and with him went New Hampshire's intensity.

"I think they're a good team and a good team's going to come back," said Maine guard Casey Arena. "When they got the crowd behind them that's what's

going to happen. They made a nice run at us."

Ledbedder capitalized on two free throws. Arena (11 points, 11 rebounds) hit an off-balance three-pointer, off the backboard, with the shot-clock winding down to put the Wildcats away, 73-66.

The Black Bears converted on seven of eight free throws in the last three minutes to contribute to the victory.

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Alosa has worn No. 20, instead of his usual No. 10, in honor of teammate Matt Smith who was injured in a car accident early Jan. 21. Smith is recovering and is listed in fair condition at Massachusetts General Hospital.

"I just want to let everyone know that we're thinking about him," Alosa said.

Chapman received a phone call from Smith and his father 15 minutes before game-time Friday night. Smith wished the team good luck for the game.

"[Smith] and his dad called us from the hospital," Chapman said. "It was quite emotional. It was nice to hear from him. He's a great kid."

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from Mowers and beat Dennis, who was anticipating that Mowers still had the puck behind the net.

"It was a great play by Nickulas and that's Mark Mowers," Umile said. "I expect that from [Mowers]. . . He's a clever hockey player and that's why he's an All-American."

Providence fought back in the third. They got on the board at 3:44 when Stefan Brannare poked in a loose puck immediately after the Wildcats had killed off a penalty, to make it 3-1.

The game got closer at 8:55 of the third when Dennis Burke scored off a centering pass from Joe Hulbig, making it 3-2, and forcing Umile to call time out.

"Coach told us just to stick to our game plan," Boguniecki said. "We didn't expect Providence to sit back because they were down... We just had to play our same game."

Providence sustained pressure in an effort to tie the game, by sophomore Tom Nolan put it away when he scored an empty-net goal at 19:16. Boguniecki was credited with the assist.

The outing was Cavicchi's third

straight solid game.

"We just played great defensively," Boguniecki said. "The two [Providence] goals were pretty shaky, but defense wins games and [Cavicchi] played well for us tonight."

"Everyone played well from [Cavicchi] on out," Umile said. "(Sophomore Dylan) Dellezay played great, (sophomore Rob) Gagnon played well, and it was a real team effort."

After an uneventful first period, UNH dodged a bullet in the final seconds of the frame. Mowers gave the puck away in his own zone to Providence senior Joe Hulbig with two seconds left, but Hulbig was not able to get a shot off before time ran out.

Both goaltenders were sharp early. Cavicchi made 11 saves in the first period, while Dennis made 10.

Sullivan set the tone of the game when, on the opening shift, he leveled Providence defenseman Justin Gould. It marked the beginning of a night in which the Wildcats would play very physically.

"That's an example of why Mike Sullivan is our captain," Umile said. "He's a leader on this team."

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play goal, his 18th of the year, at 7:26, but the Friars came right back to regain their three-goal lead when Troy Lake put the puck underneath the pads of Cavicchi (10 saves) at 9:17.

That gave Providence their fifth goal on 15 shots, and ended Cavicchi's night, as junior Brian Larochelle (11 saves) entered the game amidst cheers.

"I don't think their first two goals were great goals," Umile said. "There's no question it's deflating when they score a quick goal after we score one. . . Brian Larochelle was terrific. He made good decisions."

Sophomore defenseman Eric Fitzgerald got the start, teaming with senior assistant captain Todd Hall. Fitzgerald was one of the Wildcats' best blue-liners over the weekend. He has alternated between forward and defense all year.

The Wildcats played a listless first period and found themselves down

2-0.

Tom Sheehan gave Providence a 1-0 lead at 8:41 when he walked out in front form behind the net and put a 10-footer between the pads of Cavicchi.

Things got worse for the Wildcats when Friar junior Hal Gill scored directly off of a faceoff to make it 2-0 at 12:59. Sheehan won the draw right back to Gill, whose 45-foot slap shot deflected in off a UNH defenseman's stick.

UNH's best chance of the period came when sophomore Mark Mowers deflected freshman Steve O'Brien's shot off the post.

Unfortunately for UNH, sophomore Dylan Dellezay was lost for the season when he broke his right arm early in the first when he ran into the boards. Dellezay had turned in perhaps his best outing of the year in Friday's victory and had drawn rave reviews from Umile for his play.

We apologize for the minimal sports coverage this issue due to the electrical problems in the MUB. See Friday's issue for full sports coverage.

The puck stops where?

Umile undecided over starting goaltender for Thursday's game against Northeastern

By JASON GRUCEL
Staff Reporter

Now it's to the point of the season where every game is the biggest game of the year.

As far as the University of New Hampshire men's ice hockey team's goal of finishing in the top four in Hockey East, they know there is no tomorrow if they do not play well today. For them, "today" is Thursday when they travel to Boston to take on the Northeastern Huskies.

The Wildcats (9-12-2, 5-8-2 Hockey East) find themselves in seventh place in the conference and unable to put together

a string of consecutive wins. They have not won two straight games since Oct. 28 and 29, when they defeated Colgate and Union.

Northeastern resides in sixth place, but UNH would pass them with a win.

The two teams met last in the first series of December. Senior assistant captain Todd Hall scored in the closing seconds of the series-opener at the Whittemore Center to win the game for the Wildcats, but Northeastern blew out UNH 7-3 at Matthews Arena.

UNH is playing much better now than they were in December, but they don't have much to show for it. With just

nine games remaining, they are 19 points out of fourth place.

"There were a lot of good things about [the Providence series this past weekend that UNH split], but the bad thing is we didn't sweep and we had an opportunity to do so," said head coach Dick Umile. "The whole second half of the season we've been splitting and you can't make up any ground doing that."

Umile has a big decision to make, as he must choose to start either senior Trent Cavicchi or junior Brian Larochelle in net on Thursday.

On Saturday against Providence, Umile pulled Cavicchi with over 10 minutes left in the second period, after he gave up five goals on 15 shots. Larochelle stopped all 11 shots he faced in the game.

When Cavicchi left, the fans at the Whittemore Center cheered, but Umile said he thought it was more reflective of Larochelle finally getting a chance to play in front of the home crowd.

"I felt bad for Trent," Umile said. "I told him that the crowd wasn't cheering him negatively, they were just cheering Larochelle because he was getting a chance in a game."

Cavicchi has started all but one game but has been pulled in the middle of a game four times. Larochelle has performed extremely well when coming off the bench in those four games, but struggled in his one start against Lowell in the consolation game of the Governor's Cup Tournament in November.

Umile was undecided yesterday about who would get the nod.

"I'll decide after [Tuesday] morning's practice," he said. "[Cavicchi] is a No. 1

goaltender- he's proved that. But Larochelle proved he can do the job when he's called upon."

Umile said just because he pulls a goaltender does not mean that the goals are the goaltender's fault.

"Sometimes I make a change just to make a change," he said. "It's not always the goaltender's fault. He shouldn't have to shoulder the blame if we're not doing the job in the defensive zone. I'm not saying that was the case Saturday, but that's the way it is sometimes."

On the injury front, freshman defenseman Christian Bragnalo returned to practice yesterday. Bragnalo underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee on Jan. 17. "He's done a nice job for us," Umile said. "The more people we get back with experience, the better." Bragnalo is looking to play Thursday. . . Sophomore Dylan Dellezay is out 6-to-8 weeks with a broken arm. He suffered the injury when he ran into the boards early in Saturday's game. "He played terrific on Friday," Umile said. "He's only a sophomore and he didn't really play until the second half of last year. He was just starting to play well for us. It's disappointing." . . . Umile praised sophomore forward/defenseman Eric Fitzgerald for his effort this weekend. "He's been playing extremely well," Umile said. "He's been doing yeoman work. Because of injuries we had to move him back to defense even though we were playing him at forward earlier. It takes a special person to be able to do that. He's unselfish, unassuming and he's a player that just does what he's asked to do, and he's doing it well."



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Junior Brian Larochelle replaced Trent Cavicchi Saturday night.

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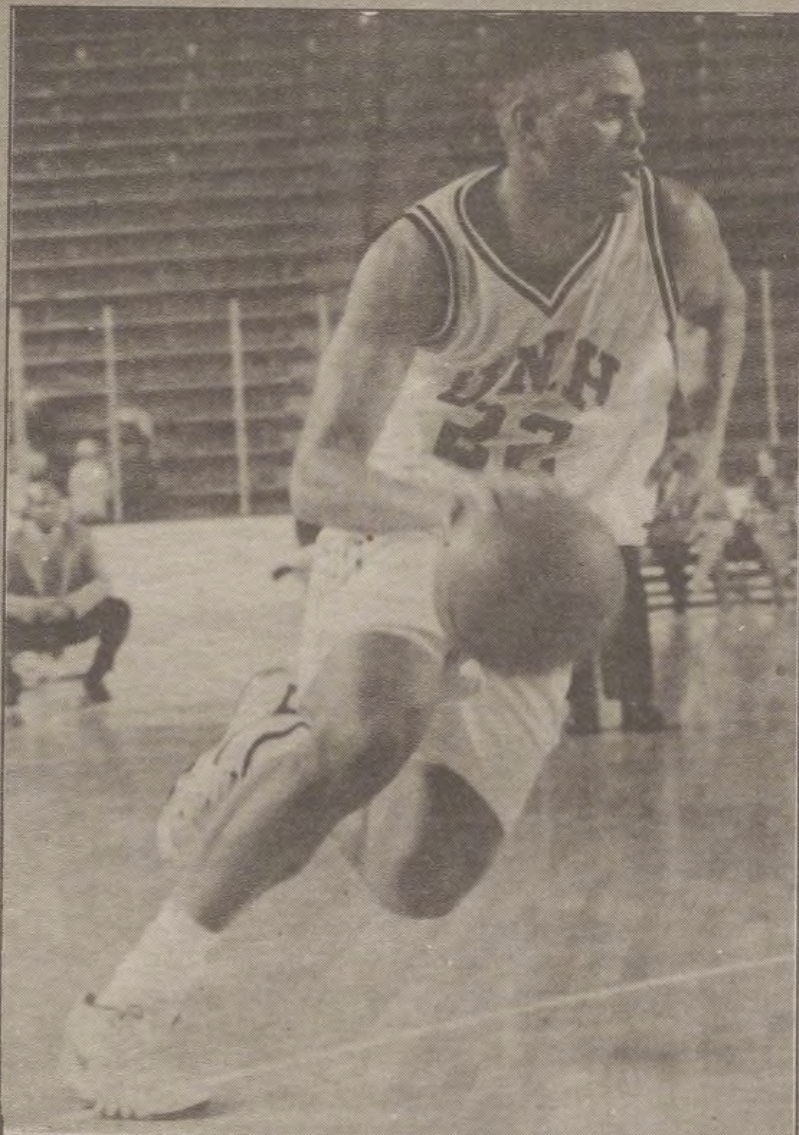


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Senior tri-captain Ed Eusebio led UNH's second-half surge.

Men's hoop falls to Maine, 82-73

By BRIAN BOSWORTH
Staff Reporter

It was the same story for the University of New Hampshire men's basketball team.

As in previous games, UNH squandered a significant halftime lead, battled back to create an exciting second half, and lost in the final two minutes.

Friday night, UNH lost in familiar fashion to Maine, 82-73.

The Black Bears (9-7, 7-3 North Atlantic Conference) dominated the first half behind a balanced attack led by freshman forward Allen Ledbetter. Ledbetter netted 13 of his 17 points in the opening half to send Maine into the locker room with a commanding 47-34 lead.

UNH senior forward Ed Eusebio led the second-half charge with an inspiring effort. Eusebio, whose contributions do not show up on the stat sheet (six points and five rebounds), was credited with sparking the rally.

"In the second half we found five guys who wanted to go out and play with intensity. Ed led that charge," said UNH head coach Gib Chapman.

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'Cats split again

Men's hockey wins HE road game . . .

By JASON GRUCEL
Staff Reporter

PROVIDENCE, R.I.— Coaches and players agreed. It was about time.

A three-goal second-period outburst gave the University of New Hampshire men's ice hockey team their first Hockey East road victory of the season Friday night, 4-2 over Providence.

The Wildcats (9-11-2) entered the game with a 0-5-2 record on the road in conference play, but strong play from senior goaltender Trent Cavicchi (23 saves) and physical play along the boards enabled UNH to pick up their first victory in enemy territory since Oct. 29 (a 3-2 win over Union).

"We played real hard tonight," said UNH head coach Dick Umile. "The second period was a key period for us. That was as good a period as you could play, at home or on the road."

Umile admitted the inability of the Wildcats to win on the road had become

an issue.

"You can put that to rest now," he said. "That was a gutsy win by our team. It was a real team effort."

UNH controlled play throughout their big period, the second. They took the lead when junior Eric Boguniecki took a long lead pass from senior assistant captain Todd Hall at the red line and got the puck over to freshman Derek Bekar on the left wing. Bekar slid it back to Boguniecki, who found the upper right corner of the net to make it 1-0 UNH, 5:19 into the second.

Mowers extended the lead to 2-0 when he scored off a rebound from in front of the net on a power play, at 16:25 of the period. The goal was Mowers' 16th of the season. Sophomore Eric Nickulas and senior captain Mike Sullivan were credited with assists.

Nickulas netted his 17th goal of the year with 38 seconds remaining in the second, as he took an outstanding pass ■ see WIN, page 10

. . . but lose to Friars at the Whitt, 5-4

By JASON GRUCEL
Staff Reporter

It has been the story of the entire season. They came up just a little bit short.

A furious third-period comeback just wasn't enough for the University of New Hampshire men's ice hockey team Saturday night, as they fell to Providence 5-4.

The Friars (14-10-2, 9-4-2 Hockey East) rode solid goaltending by Dan Dennis (30 saves) to win only the second of their last seven games.

"Dennis robbed me a couple of times. He was great out there," said UNH senior captain Mike Sullivan.

Trailing 5-2 entering the third period, the Wildcats (9-12-2, 5-8-2 Hockey East) came storming back. Rob Gagnon scored his second goal of the season at 6:23 off a nice feed from junior Tim Murray, who had an outstanding game.

Less than a minute later, sophomore Eric Nickulas made it 5-4 when he sent a laser 40-foot wrist shot into the upper left corner of the net at 7:19. Providence head coach Paul Pooley called time out.

UNH had several chances to tie, their best coming when freshman Derek Bekar hit the post with just under 12 minutes to

play.

UNH head coach Dick Umile said this was the team's toughest loss of the season.

"We had plenty of chances to score in the third, the shots just weren't going in," he said. "But give our guys credit; they keep going and going no matter what the score."

Facing a 2-0 deficit after one period, UNH cut the lead in half 4:20 into the second. Sophomore Tom Nolan took the puck up the left wing and dropped a pass to junior Eric Boguniecki, who got the puck to Tim Murray. Murray, who was everywhere Saturday, fired a 15-foot wrist shot past Dennis for his fourth goal of the year.

UNH didn't enjoy the momentum for long, as Providence's Mike Gambino scored his first goal of the season 59 seconds later to make it 3-1.

Twenty-seven seconds after Gambino's goal, at 5:38, Providence extended their lead to 4-1 when Stefan Brannare scored on a rebound, as the Wildcat defense failed to get set up in transition.

Nickulas made it 4-2 with a power hit ■ see CATS, page 10