

Note: Beginning March 23, 2020, the University of New Hampshire suspended in-person classes and closed the campus due to COVID-19. No further full issues were published for that academic year, rather the students posted articles directly to the web throughout the Spring and Summer. The following pages are pdfs of the posted content.

COVID-19 Updates From KSC, UNH, ORMS

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University of New Hampshire (UNH) President James Dean sent an email announcing that UNH will suspend all in-person classes for the remainder of the semester. This comes after two cases of COVID-19 were confirmed – one at Oyster River Middle school in Durham and another at Keene State College, which is part of the University System of New Hampshire (USNH).

“We made this decision to significantly reduce the population density of our campuses and the towns and cities our campuses are located in, as a preventive measure to enable more social distancing at a time when many new infections and even deaths are being reported daily,” Dean wrote in an email to the student body on March 18. “While we regret the inconvenience and lack of on-campus life for our students this will cause, the health and safety of our community must come first.”

Additionally, Dean answered several questions regarding the university closing, room and board refunds, returning to campus housing, remote work for faculty and staff, and commencement ceremonies. Dean said more information will be available soon, and a Student Emergency Fund has been created for those wishing to donate to UNH students during this time. For more details, read about the announcement on tnhdigital.com.

A little more than an hour away at Keene State College (KSC) President Melinda Treadwell sent an email on Tuesday night that addressed students, faculty, and staff in a video about moving to extended curtailment, meaning students who are not on campus or in Keene should not return to campus at this time, or on April 5 as planned. She noted that students currently on campus will be supported.

Treadwell shared that a KSC faculty member has tested positive for COVID-19 and is in care in a Massachusetts hospital. The college has reached out to those who may have been in contact with this person during the time of exposure risk. Additionally, the college has contacted the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and emergency professionals.

“For our seniors, for our students, I am so sorry that this is the message I’m delivering to you. For our athletes, for our graduates, I am deeply, deeply hurt that I can’t welcome you back to complete your final year of competition and study with us at Keene State at this moment,” Treadwell said. “We are working with university system leadership and the board of trustees, and will be reaching out soon with more information.”

A day later, on Wednesday, Town Administrator Todd Selig sent an email to Durham residents, informing them that an Oyster River Middle School staff member tested positive for COVID-19, according to the Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD). Selig also updated the town with information regarding Durham restaurants open for takeout, playgrounds closed until at least Apr. 3, and the potential of virtual town halls. The district had contacted the New Hampshire Division of Public Health and the Department of Education. The district will keep the community updated as information becomes available.

Here is the full statement from Selig’s email:

OYSTER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

The ORCSD has informed us that a middle school staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. The district learned of this today. ORCSD has contacted the NH Division of Public Health as well as the Department of Education. It is awaiting further guidance from the NH Division of Public Health. Once the district receives the additional guidance, it will share this with the Oyster River community. This is all of the information the district can provide at this time, as medical information is protected.

UNH suspends in-person classes

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At 7:05 p.m. on March 18, President James W. Dean Jr. informed the University of New Hampshire (UNH) student body that all in-person classes will be cancelled for the remainder of the spring semester due to COVID-19.

In a lengthy email, Dean outlined how the decision was guided for the UNH administration, citing “the safety and well-being of our faculty” as the principal cause for the cancellation.

For the vast majority of students, faculty and staff, this means continuing to work remotely in order to provide a successful completion of the spring semester for UNH students.

President Dean and administration made this decision to significantly reduce the population density of the campus, as well as the town of Durham in order to better slow the spread of COVID-19. At the time of writing, New Hampshire has 39 confirmed cases of coronavirus, according to New Hampshire Public Radio.

President Dean outlined answers to numerous frequently asked questions regarding the closing. Outlined are the University of New Hampshire’s current official responses.

Is the university closing?

“UNH is not closing,” the email read. “UNH has suspended all in-person classes for the remainder of the spring semester, extending the previously announced two-week transition to non-face-to-face, remote learning. To the extent possible, faculty and staff are working remotely in order to reduce the density of people on campus and enhance social distancing. Offices will continue to provide student services via web and phone. A number of on-campus facilities are closing, including student housing, with approved exceptions for exceptional circumstances only.”

University faculty have continued to work on a limited basis. UNH Dining has continued to operate Stillings Dining Hall with limited hours for students remaining on campus. Though subject to change, the dining hall is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Numerous faculty advisors have cancelled in-person advising, opting for over-the-phone meetings.

Will I receive a refund for room and board for the rest of the semester?

“Please know that we recognize the financial impact on students and families and we are working on refunding room and board costs on a pro-rata basis for the remainder of the year for all students leaving campus and completely vacating housing at the request of the university. Adjustments will be posted to the student’s existing account and will reduce the amount owed. If the adjustment results in a credit balance, students will be informed on how to receive refunds. Additional information on account adjustments will be made available by April 15,” the email said.

Adjustments will be made on a case by case basis to UNH students based on their lost time in housing. President Dean did not specify if meal plans will be included, and how that will be handled should the university reimburse for swipes.

How and when can I come back to my campus housing?

“Undergraduate and graduate students should not return to Durham or Manchester campus housing after Spring Break. All students residing in housing on the Manchester or Durham campuses will be contacted to make arrangements to move their belongings out of their residence hall or campus-owned apartment,” Dean wrote.

Michael Adams, a sophomore from the University of Massachusetts Lowell outlined the move-out process he experienced for UMass Lowell.

“They staggered everybody for separate move out times for the next two weeks to minimize the number of students on campus at once,” Adams said. “Every building has the same time slots, so

the university limits the number of students in each building during certain time slots.”

It is unclear how the UNH will handle move-out for its students, however, it is highly likely they will follow universities of similar size in staggering move-outs in order to limit students on campus, a stark contrast from their standard move-in and move-out processes.

How long will remote work for faculty and staff continue?

“It is expected to continue to the end of the semester. Regular communications will be sent to your UNH email address to update the timeline. Please watch for updates. All UNH campuses will identify personnel who need to report to work and ask all others to work remotely until further notice,” the email said.

Will there be commencement ceremonies?

“UNH is reviewing contingency plans for university events and activities with health and safety as the top priority. No decision has been made yet,” Dean wrote.

UNH will continue to provide updates to its students, staff and faculty as information develops. Given the fluid nature of the situation, this information is subject to change.

COVID-19: Seniors reflect on a year cut short

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With the University of New Hampshire's (UNH) decision to cancel in-person classes for the remainder of the spring semester due to the widespread coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, students, faculty and staff are expected to switch to a strictly virtual method of learning to finish out the academic year.

For members of UNH's senior class, however, a newer reality emerges amongst those already grown from the global coronavirus pandemic: The loss of the remainder of their final semester on campus as undergraduate students.

Per the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as of mid-day on Thursday, March 19, there were 10,442 reported cases of COVID-19 in the country, spanning all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and three of the nation's territories (Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands). As a result of the spreading virus, the CDC reported that 150 people have died, prompting individual state authorities to enact curfews and cultural shutdowns in recent days to help limit the virus' spread.

In his email to the UNH community on Wednesday evening, March 18 announcing in-person class cancellation, UNH President James W. Dean Jr. referenced COVID-19's continued rampage throughout the nation but maintained that prioritizing public health is the main focus.

“We made this decision to significantly reduce the population density of our campuses and the towns and cities our campuses are located in, as a preventive measure to enable more social distancing at a time when many new infections and even deaths are being reported daily. While we regret the inconvenience and lack of on-campus life for our students this will cause, the health and safety of our community must come first,” Dean wrote.

As a result, seniors on the UNH-Durham’s campus are thrown into an earlier than anticipated bout of self-reflection and a state of confusion, their final months on campus stripped away as a result of COVID-19.

Hannah Machado, a senior political science, International Affairs and Italian Studies triple major, is proud of the experience she was able to give herself despite such an abrupt ending.

“Like most students, I call UNH home so it really doesn’t feel real that I had to say goodbye so abruptly and without the closure that comes with graduation. I’m going to especially miss being so close to my friends and being involved in the UNH community,” she said. “I really just feel so lucky to have had such a wholesome experience. Having opportunities like being an RA, an orientation leader, a tour guide, studying abroad, being involved with the Italian department, etc., have all led me to find all the people and things I love.”

Despite the continuous reports of growing confirmed cases and the magnitude of the situation, Machado acknowledged that constant communication between loved ones can minimize festering uncertainty.

“I also think this is an important time to be extra vigilant about reaching out to friends and loved ones as this can feel very anxiety-inducing, lonely, and isolating,” she added.

Abigail Fisher, a senior history and philosophy dual major, is pained over the university’s decision but feels that the only way to move forward is through acceptance.

“I get frustrated when I see people blaming administration because I think everyone is trying their best to make decisions that are best for everyone and they aren’t decisions that were made easily, I’m sure. There’s always room to criticize but I think right now everyone needs to practice heightened empathy. Truthfully, I think deep down we all could have expected this decision to be made, but hearing it still hurt. My quarantined friends and I still cried. There just was no way to prepare and now we all just need to sit in our feelings and embrace it,” she said.

Fisher stated that, when she looks back on her senior year at UNH, she is going to remember the last weekend before the university spring break period when all of her friends, many of whom were all from different social circles, were together at her best friends’ apartment for a night of impromptu singing, dancing and comfort in the presence of one another.

“People from classes and jobs, my friends from freshman year, former residents and friends of friends all started to know and love each other, too. No one specific memory made this year special; it was that unique feeling of all coming together that brought me so much joy this year,” she said.

Additionally, she has appreciated the efforts of UNH’s administration to look out for the well-being of the university community amidst the COVID-19 outbreak.

“I hope the university is hyper-aware of students’ financial concerns. The fact that school serves as a sanctuary for so many people and now we’re all being forced back into whatever home life we have, that can be scary for some,” she added. “I think between administration, Residential Life, Housing, Dining, PACS and beyond, students’ health and well-being is being looked after fairly effectively and thoroughly right now. I hope they continue to do so.”

Shadi Zamani, a senior chemical engineering student from Iran, is stressed not just with the suspension of the rest in-person classes but also what it means for her to go back to her roots in the future.

“My country is also hit by the virus seriously and new cases are increasing every day. Plus, Iran is under sanctions by the United States and there is not enough medical equipment for the hospitals to cure patients that are affected by the virus. There are around 1000-2000 new cases every day and going back is not safe for me,” she said.

Additionally, Zamani’s inspiring academic and extracurricular journey helped her to be named a Create Your Own Story recipient by UNH’s Memorial Union & Student Activities staff for the 2019-20 academic year. The ceremony was to be held on Friday, April 17- a special moment that won’t come to fruition due to the extenuating circumstances for her and the other nine student recipients.

“This is a heartbreaking situation for me, however I know this is for everyone’s safety,” she said.

Alvin Lagu, a senior electrical engineering student from Indonesia, supports the university’s decision but is uncertain about his status of living on campus for the coming months.

“If I, let’s say, was not approved to live on-campus for the remainder of the semester, I would have to go back to Indonesia or live with my sister in Oregon. This would be something I would not want since traveling out of state or (within the) country would increase the risk of being exposed to COVID-19,” he said. “In terms of plans for the future, I am still deciding on what I will do in the summer but I am looking forward to start my graduate school in September.”

A surely gratifying moment of completion that Lagu will no longer be able to work toward is the finalizing of his major's senior project, one that he has worked tirelessly on and lost hours of sleep over.

"I will definitely miss my late-night studying and working on my senior project in Kingsbury. Because of what's happening I will not be able to finish my senior project since it's not possible for me to do it in a non-face-to-face environment," he added.

Kyle Kodzis, a senior recreation management and policy major, had been self-quarantining in his Madbury Commons apartment when he received President Dean's email containing the news. Since then, like many, he has struggled to come to terms with the scope of the situation.

"When I got the email regarding the situation, I was upset a bit. Honestly, it was like having a door being slammed in your face. While I had a gut feeling this was going to happen, the realization of so many opportunities gone was what hit me the hardest," he said. "Seeing friends having to leave campus and coming to terms that you won't have closure here is tough."

With reality setting in, Kodzis noted that he worries about whether or not the senior class will be able to celebrate commencement. In keeping with the CDC's recommendation of no large gatherings of 50 or more people for at least the next two months, colleges and universities across the country have either cancelled or postponed their commencement ceremonies.

"I trust the university will do the best for the population of the university and the surrounding area. However, I feel the university should be diligent in figuring out a way to help the seniors through this problem. Hopefully, this pandemic will slow down, and we get to do commencement, but I'm worried the university will end this chapter with just this, and leave the class of 2020 behind to figure it out for ourselves," said Kodzis.

Kodzis' roommate and good friend, senior finance major Chad Supranowicz, echoed similar sentiments.

"I think what the University is doing right now is certainly in the best interest of the students, faculty, and community, but hopefully the Class of 2020 will be able to enjoy commencement, at the very least. I'm hoping that everything will be back to normal for the sake of everyone who will still be here by the time the fall rolls around," he said.

For Supranowicz, the thought of losing easy access to his closest campus relationships so suddenly is an unsettling one.

"The thing I am going to miss the most is definitely the people. Many of the bonds I have formed at UNH will last a lifetime, but so many people will be moving away post-graduation, making it impossible to see them on a regular basis," he said.

The class of 2020, the 150th graduating class in the university's history, is scheduled to have its commencement ceremony take place on Saturday, May 16 at 9:40 a.m. With the spread of COVID-19 keeping large crowds from gathering indefinitely, it is currently unknown what the status of the ceremony will be.

In his email announcement on Wednesday evening, President Dean briefly addressed the concerns over the potential of such a ceremony taking place.

"UNH is reviewing contingency plans for university events and activities with health and safety as the top priority. No decision has been made yet," he wrote.

On Thursday, UNH students created a petition via change.org, a petition-creating website, asking administration to strongly consider the possibility of postponing the commencement ceremony rather than potentially canceling it. The petition, titled "To NOT Cancel UNH 2020 Commencement, Postpone if Needed," had over 1700 signatures at the time of this publication.

"Some people have been joking about the possibility of a virtual graduation – how could this ever replace the physical ceremony where sheer excitement and relief are palpable in the air? Commencement is not something that we can log into and view from a screen. This could never replace something people wait their whole lives for. Imagine not being able to have your cap, gown, and sorority/fraternity stoles or honors cords or another form of regalia. How could we accept a replacement that takes all these things away?" the petition states.

University administration has set up a Student Emergency Fund to accommodate students in need during this time. Additionally, continued updates and more information on the COVID-19 pandemic relative to the UNH community can be found on the university's website.

Men's basketball player of the year: Sean Sutherlin

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The Wildcats saw improvements in a multitude of ways from their 5-24 season just one year ago to a first-round playoff exit this month. Perhaps the biggest improvement came from somewhere nobody expected – Sheridan, Wyoming.

Junior guard Sean Sutherlin spent his first two collegiate seasons at Sheridan College. Sutherlin started 32 games a season ago at Sheridan averaging 10.8 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.3 assists while helping his team to the junior college national tournament.

Since transferring to UNH Sutherlin has proven he can produce in big-time moments against big-time players and is much more than a junior college talent. The junior put up 12.8 points per game with 9.3 rebounds and 2.6 assists.

Sutherlin has also helped transform a team that improved by 10 wins in a matter of one season. The Wildcats ranked last in the America East in total rebounds in the 2018-2019 season. Since that time the team has launched themselves to the top of the conference, finishing second in total rebounds and being the only team in the conference to eclipse 40 rebounds per game.

Sutherlin's 260 rebounds not only led all guards but led the entire America East – 27 rebounds ahead of the second-place finisher. His 9.3 boards per game ranked second in the conference

and was nearly two more than the third-place spot.

The point guard led the Wildcats with 12 double-doubles on the season and still has room to improve his offensive game. He got to the rim at will this season while he struggled playing away from the hoop. In the backend of their schedule, however, Sutherlin and the rest of the team seemed much more comfortable with the guard from behind the 3-point line. During UNH's four-game win-streak at the end of the season Sutherlin shot 4-for-6 from behind the arc.

Head coach Bill Herrion has been adamant in mentioning how much time Sutherlin has spent working on his jumper this season. The guard has been described as a "gym rat" many times throughout the season by his head coach.

Sutherlin was impressive during his first season in Herrion's system, but with one more year of experience and an expanded offensive game, he will certainly be a player to watch during next season's title pursuit for the Wildcats.

Women's basketball player of the year: Ashley Storey

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The 2019-20 campaign for the UNH women's basketball team was a roller coaster filled with winning streaks, losing streaks and a lot of mediocre play in between.

The Wildcats finished the season with a 10-19 overall record and a 7-9 record in America East Play, good for fifth place in the conference.

One of the few consistent performers for the 'Cats was Ashley Storey, the players' vote America East Player of Year, and she was consistently dominant. The decorated senior led her squad in scoring and rebounding, averaging 16.3 and 5.8 in the two respective categories.

The Cumberland, ME native also ended her stint at UNH with a career high of 33 points against CCSU on Dec. 8. The accolades didn't stop there, as she became a part of the 1,000-point club on Feb. 26 against UAlbany, and she went on to rack up 1,044 points in her illustrious career.

Storey's strong last season in Durham didn't come as a surprise to anyone who followed the team over her five-year career. She had been on a steady rise since her first season in a Wildcat uniform, as she came in and started 17 of the 30 games she played in. This was on a 26-6 Wildcat team that got a bid into the National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

In her second season, she remained consistent and continued to refine her all-around game as she didn't have much of a scoring burden on her shoulders. UNH head coach Maureen Magarity thought that this time was beneficial and essential for Storey's development as a player.

"Ashley had come in as one of the top local players that we've recruited that decided to come to UNH and she developed into such a tremendous scorer. Her first and second year she was more of a roll player that learned from Kat Fogarty and Carly Poe...she was always extremely determined, especially with her injuries."

Injuries to her shoulders, foot and knee forced her to redshirt during her junior season and allowed her to polish her game and come back as a dominant player. Despite only playing in 15 games she averaged 17.1 points and 6.1 rebounds in the 2018-19 campaign. After this surge, she was widely regarded as one of the top players in the America East.

"She had to redshirt with her shoulders and ACL, so to come back from that, her career was special for sure," Magarity said.

Storey has seen many statistical achievements come her way over her collegiate career, but what she is best known for in Durham is her leadership. She was the consummate teammate, and she was never selfish with her play. Her encouragement of teammates and selfless passing may have been the best aspects of her extremely versatile arsenal.

Junior guard Amanda Torres has played with Storey for her three years as a Wildcat, and she has been appreciative of the senior's leadership to say the least.

"It's been great to play with Ashley and she has really helped me with my confidence so much. She's the first one to yell at me and tell me to be more aggressive in a good way. She's just as hard on me as coach (Magarity) is on me and that has been what I need."

This is just one example of Storey's impact on the UNH women's basketball program, as she has helped countless teammates and coaches throughout her basketball journey. Her legacy as a great player and even greater teammate will be forever cherished by the Wildcat community.

Swimmer of the year: Anna Metzler

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The 2019-2020 season for the Wildcats was a successful one as they were crowned American East Champions and won five medals at the ECAC Championship. The Cats' were led by sophomore Anna Metzler who seemingly couldn't be stopped all season.

Metzler put on a fantastic season posting some of her best times and was bound for the NCAA Championship until her season was cut short. Metzler was undoubtedly the top swimmer for the Cats' as she won three individual events and was a part of three relay teams that claimed first place in the America East Championship. She was also named Most Outstanding Swimmer of the meet breaking seven total records in the 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle and the 200 back.

Metzler didn't stop there as the Wildcats traveled to Annapolis, Maryland to compete in the ECAC Championship. Metzler only competed in the 400 individual medley but swam a time of 4:07.20 breaking the America East, ECAC Championship and UNH Record. By doing so she qualified for the NCAA Championship and was the only swimmer in the top 20 not coming from a power 5 school. She was also named ECAC Swimmer of the Meet and qualified for the NCAA Championship and the opportunity to qualify for the Olympics.

Head coach Josh Willman had only great things to say about Metzler all year and was really impressed with the level that she competed at day in and day out. Even in practice she would be pushing others to do their best and when swimming alongside senior Corinne Carbone, excellence was expected. During the season she was also named America East Swimmer of the week four times as she performed at an exceptional level all season.

With the season coming to a screeching halt, Metzler is looking ahead to next season and how she can come back and improve individually but also as a team. Returning as a junior Metzler will be expected to lead the team to another America East Championship and should make it back to NCAA Championship where she can get redemption and prove herself against top competition.

Women's hockey player of the year: Ava Boutilier

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The women's hockey 2019-2020 season could be chalked up as a success as they advanced to the Hockey East Semifinals for the first time in a decade. They posted a winning record for the overall season and were a .500 team against other Hockey East teams. The Wildcats were only eighth in the conference in goals for with 83 (Providence and Vermont tied for sixth with 85 while Merrimack held ninth with 57) but only three teams allowed more goals against. There were many players who helped contribute to the team's success this year but probably the biggest factor was sophomore goalie Ava Boutilier despite missing 10 games due to injury.

Her record for the season was 13-10-2 but her in game performances is what made her stand out. Over the course of the season, including playoffs, she faced 763 shots on goal and only allowed 46 for a save percent of .940, good for third highest in Hockey East. Her goals against average was a very low 1.80 which was fourth best in the division. She was one of only four goalies with at least 1,000 minutes played who allowed under 50 goals all season.

Boutilier posted five shutouts throughout the season and had a save percentage of at least .900 in 20 of her 27 appearances this season. She only allowed three or more goals in seven games and was called on to make 30 or more saves in 10 games.

While it has nothing to do with how solid Boutilier was in net for the Wildcats, all three goalies on the Wildcats roster registered an assist and Boutilier was given credit for two. This made her the first UNH goalie in 20 years to have a multi-point season.

Her performance in net on the majority of nights gave the Wildcats the chance to win games or at the very least keep it a close game, like a 35 save effort in a 1-0 loss to Northeastern, the eventual conference champions who dominated the season. Boutilier was even relied on to steal a few games like the 4-1 win at Harvard where she had to turn away 45 shots.

The Hockey East recognized Boutilier four times for her great play in net, granting her = Defender of the Week on four different occasions, Goalie of the Month in February along with being named NCAA Second Star of the Week the same week she won goalie of the month. That came after her stellar performance in the playoff series against Providence, when she rose to the occasion stopping 58 of the 60 shots that came her way, blanking them in game two.

Although the Wildcats are losing a lot of offensive power with senior forwards Meghara McManus, Carlee Turner and Taylor Wenczkowski graduating, they did get very solid rookie seasons from forwards Jada Christian and Tamara Thierus, who found chemistry on the wings of center Lauren Martin. Next season the Wildcats will continue to be backstopped by three solid goalies with Ava Boutilier looking to pick up right where she left off.

Human Resources Association paves the way for future HR workers

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The logo for the Human Resources Association at the University of New Hampshire, consisting of the letters 'TNH' in a large, black, serif font, with a horizontal line underneath the letters.

The Human Resource Association (HRA) is the club at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) for anyone interested in human resources as a future career. The organization, which joined UNH in October 2019, currently has 15 members and is looking to add new members. The club aims to involve students into the field of human resources (HR).

The goal of the club is to provide members with the knowledge and skills to help better themselves while pursuing their professional careers, according to HRA President Ben Buchholz. They hope to enlighten their members through networking events, workshops, and company visits while learning about the opportunities the human resource industry has to offer.

They are currently in connection with three different companies; The Nagler Group, Enterprise, and Novocure, according to Buchholz. Along with those companies, the organization plans on reaching out to other HR firms, staffing companies, and other various companies within the Portsmouth area. As the club continues to grow, members will have connections to companies as they enter the professional work of HR and will learn what information they will need to know when dealing with HR professionals and also promote job opportunities.

This past semester, they held their first employee benefits workshop, where the members learned about what they need to know when accepting a job along with the benefits you can expect when

acquiring a job. The topics discussed during the workshop included 401(k)s, health insurance, paid time off, and employee stock option plans. The club has plans for many more workshops like this in the future such as HR practices as a whole including how to leave a job, negotiating an offer letter, and even how to let an employee go.

Aside from workshops, they plan on hosting events for members to attend. Currently they are working with the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM), to host a large event sometime next year where they will have many industry professionals come and meet members and any other students that want to join.

The majority of members are typically in Paul College, but anyone can participate, as HR will be involved in any field one chooses to go into. Meetings are typically on Wednesdays in Hamilton Smith Hall, but with the shift to online classes they are looking at alternative online meetings to continue the club.

Members are asked to try to be active in the club, and encourage all who are interested to reach out through WildcatLink. Students who are interested can also contact them through any social media platform or email, unh.hra@gmail.com.

Stillings remains open during COVID-19

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In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the University of New Hampshire (UNH) sent students, staff and faculty home to work remotely for the rest of the semester. Almost every quintessential part of campus has closed its doors. However, there is one campus building that remains fully functional: Stillings Dining Hall.

Stillings Dining Hall will be open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. UNH Dining has taken extra precautions to ensure best safety practices and comply with the state's directives.

"We've changed a lot actually," Corinne Quaglieri, a local student who has worked for UNH Dining since 2018, said. "Regularly [Stillings] is a buffet style where students serve themselves, but now we have to make everything for them and serve everything to them."



All food is take-out only. Instead of being served in the typical green reusable to-go containers, food is being served in disposable take-out boxes. The dining areas have been blocked off by tape with all the chairs and tables stacked and moved aside. This is compliant with New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu's orders on March 16 that asked restaurants to suspend in-house dining services and provide take-out meals only.

There is a worker at every station who will prepare and serve meals by request. The individually wrapped food and dessert items are handed to patrons under a glass panel. There is a worker by the fountain drinks who dispenses beverages and hands them out over a pile of chairs.

"Us workers also all have to stand six-feet apart from each other which means that there is only one of us at each station" Quaglieri said.

UNH Dining has also taken extra sanitary precautions. Everyone is required to sanitize their hands before entering and additional sanitizing wipes are provided for anyone to additionally use. There are notices that ask patrons to sanitize and remain six feet apart from each other. Signs are placed on the floor, each six feet apart from each other, for everyone to use as a reference.



Dining staff is also cleaning more regularly. Materials and dining stations that typically received a deep clean weekly are now being cleaned once a day. Workers change serving utensils, spatulas and gloves every 30 minutes.

“It’s different, but I don’t have a problem with it. Honestly, I think the food is better and fresher,” Lauren Kusinski, a first-year UNH student who stayed on campus over spring break and ate at Stillings, said. “I definitely felt safe and feel like the steps they took were necessary to prevent any disease spread.” Quaglieri also feels safe at work and said that she is not worried about contracting the virus at work.

In an email sent out to UNH students, staff, and faculty, UNH President James Dean wrote that the university is preparing to serve as overflow space for quarantine housing for health care personnel. In his statement, he referred to Stillings possibly being utilized and said “our dining hall will provide takeout meals for anyone sheltering on our Durham campus.”

The Adventures of Tracy and James!

Chapter 8: Soul Sacrifice

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We left our heroes in Emperor Khazaduul's treasure dungeon in search of Prospero the Wizard's heart. Will our heroes succeed in their task? Find out below.

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"Corpses, corpses everywhere but not the ruby we need," Ozburtle the Wizard says.

"My God," James says. "That's really dark."

"But true," Ozburtle the Wizard says. About 30 of the piles of treasure had been reanimated into skeletons. A countless number of sections remain as various gold trinkets, coins and baubles.

"Not all of these were wizards though," Tracy says. "A lot of this is just actual treasure."

"I never thought I would be sad being surrounded by riches," James says, "even if it is a simulated simulation thing. Were these all wizards?" James points to a skeleton ZoopZoop's magic smoke unveils.

"I don't believe so, no," Ozburtle the Wizard says. "I thought they would be, but the heart of a wizard is sustained by..." Ozburtle the Wizard stops talking.

“Magic?” James asks.

“No, I mean to your understanding it does seem like magic but you’re familiar with the concept of energy?” Ozburtle the Wizard asks.

“Yes,” James says.

“Okie dokie, so then you’re familiar with the law of the conservation of energy?” Ozburtle the Wizard asks.

“Energy can’t be created or destroyed, only transferred,” James says.

“Right, so I won’t bore you with how energy came about or how wizards became wizards. No, I’ll get straight to the point. The point is that this *magical* energy is trapped as potential energy in a wizard’s heart. Through meditation and other forms of wizardry we can store up this energy and this gives us the ability to perform our feats,” Ozburtle the Wizard says.

“Do you do yoga too?” Tracy asks.

“Yes, sometimes, but that’s beside the point. A wizard in this situation would have stored up so much energy that if they made it here, they’d have enough left over to do other magic if need be,” Ozburtle the Wizards says.

“So, Prospero’s heart would still—“ James says.

“Have enough energy to maintain its structure and would still have the map stored along with other magical knowledge,” Ozburtle the Wizard says.

“That’s fascinating boys but it doesn’t really matter if we don’t find the heart in the first place,” Tracy says. ZoopZoop continues his dusting.

“You never know,” Ozburtle the Wizard says, “perhaps young ZoopZoop will stumble upon this treasure sooner than you think.” ZoopZoop uncovers a skeleton leg with its multi-colored breath. Then, a pelvis and up the lower spine toward the ribs.

“Is ZoopZoop young?” James asks. “How long do space lizards live?”

“*Beep!*” ZoopZoop says. ZoopZoop takes a big gulp of green flame and blows his smoke onto the sternum. A sparkle of light reverberates through the slits of the ribcage.

“Is it a ruby?” Tracy asks. The four heroes gather around the skeleton.

“Do you want to check James?” Ozburtle the Wizard asks.

“Is this like the minotaur pee thing?” James asks.

“No, but I’ll be sure to get another bottle for you since you seem to love it so much. Anyways, I’ll look to see if there’s the treasure we seek in this wizard’s chest. It’s like a literal treasure chest.”

“Go on Ozburtle, quit stalling,” Tracy says.

“*Beep!*” says ZoopZoop.

“I just think that it’s cool, is all. James, how about you?” Ozburtle the Wizard asks. James looks down at his feet. “Well fine, I try to make your worlds a little brighter but let those gray grump clouds roll all over the place.”

“Come on,” Tracy says. Ozburtle sweeps his robes behind him and rubs his hands over his beard and strokes his chin. He reaches his hand downward but snaps back.

“I just,” Ozburtle the Wizard says as he balls his hands into fists, “I’ve been searching for this ruby for 25 years. Give me a moment. I don’t want an albatross, Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner scenario on my hands.”

“What?” James asks.

“It’s a Coleridge poem, you should read it. Essentially, I don’t want to be cursed. And you all might be cursed with me. If that is the heart of Prospero, who knows what devilish magic he might have crafted in his heart to thwart someone from gaining access to his magic knowledge. Wizards back in the day were ruthless. This whole turning-corpses-into-treasure thing, well it was devised by a wizard name Roderick the Benevolent.”

“*Beep!*” says ZoopZoop.

“Beep indeed,” Ozburtle the Wizard responds. “So this isn’t a task to be taken to lightly.”

“Well,” James responds, “do you know like a counter spell?”

“A counter spell?” Ozburtle the Wizard asks. He jumps into the air. “Yes, you’re exactly right. We need a soul sacrifice. Brilliant James.”

“A what now?” Tracy asks.

“I just need to sacrifice one of your three souls,” Ozburtle the Wizard says.

“I have three souls?” Tracy asks.

“No,” Ozburtle the Wizard says, “I see how that was confusing. No, I need to just sacrifice one soul. It’s a great protection plan, lasts about a week and protects you from curses, hexes, spells, potions, bad omens, etc. It’s a panacea, a cure-all against the dark arts.”

“That seems a bit extreme,” James says.

“Well, you can never be too careful against curses. So, who’s it going to be?” Ozburtle the Wizard asks. No one responds. “No takers, well fine.” Ozburtle the Wizard shuffles off to a different skeleton and utters the three sounds, *OPONA FUG NUDRA*, in repetition.

“What is he doing?” James asks.

“I don’t know,” Tracy says. The once treasure, then skeleton after ZoopZoop’s magic smoke, begins to take on flesh. Skin swirls over the bones and reanimates the body completely. *OPONA FUG NUDRA OPONA FUG NUDRA OPONA FUG NUDRA OPONA FUG NUDRA*. The body begins to float three feet above the ground. The former corpse takes in a breath which Ozburtle yanks out with his right hand and forces into a crystal vial he holds in his left as he continues to chant the sounds. Ozburtle stops the chant. The body turns back into a skeleton and before it hits the ground turns back into treasure. The breath in the vial turns blue then black and then it vanishes. Ozburtle walks back over to the other heroes.

“Okie dokie, all done,” Ozburtle the Wizard says.

“My god Ozburtle, what did you just do?” James asks.

“Soul sacrifice, silly, remember, it’s what we were talking about,” Ozburtle the Wizard says. “Now,” he says and cracks his neck, “let’s get that ruby.”

Mad about books: 'Things in Jars' by Jess Kidd

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I usually love reading stories that are based in reality, but sometimes I need a little change. This week I read “Things in Jars” by Jess Kidd, which blends historical fiction and fantasy together in the setting of Victorian London.

Jess Kidd has a unique fictional voice that took me a little while to get used to while reading this. The story is told from an omniscient narrator’s perspective—someone or something that is telling the story to the reader who knows the thoughts and feelings of each character. I can’t summarize Kidd’s writing style without taking excerpts from the book itself. When talking about the city of London, Kidd writes “The metropolis isn’t sleeping, not really. For every Londoner in bed there are ten awake and up to no good—on the fly, on the loose, on the tiles! The moon knows; she sees all. Tonight, she’s our guide, for it’s late and every self-respecting raven will be perched in her own black-feathered embrace. Let the corvid sleep! The moon sees the beauty and cruelty of London: her whores and drunks, saints and murderers, thieves and lovers and fighters. The moon sees every black alley and yard, scrubland and marsh.” Unlike Nicola Yoon, who I wrote about a few weeks ago, the perspective of the passerby and the city itself are not as in-depth and are usually only told as it relates to the story of our main character, Birdie Devine.

Birdie is almost like Sherlock Holmes, except that she is a woman, wears an ugly bonnet instead of a deerstalker and is haunted (or maybe just followed, depending on how you look at it) by a

boxer named Ruby who claims to know who she is (although she has a very hard time placing him, and doesn't even believe that ghosts exist for that matter). She is characterized as "made of boot polish and pipe smoke, clean cloth and the north wind. And as for the dead man walking behind her, well, he means no harm." Along with Ruby the ghost, she has the help of her seven-foot-tall maid, Cora, and an apothecary who loves crows.

Birdie's latest case involves a missing child—something that hits a little too close to home as the last case she was involved in ended with a dead little boy. Birdie is determined to make up for her last mystery by finding 6-year-old Christabel, the secret daughter of Sir Edmund Athelstan Berwick. Christabel and her nanny have gone missing, but due to Christabel's alleged oddness, Berwick can't publicize it. Christabel can't speak, although she can understand what adults are saying. She is always hungry, although only for the snails and newts that seem to follow her around. And, perhaps by a trick of the light, her eyes can change from pale to black in mere seconds.

Not only do we follow Birdie on this journey to find Christabel, but we see Birdie unearthing her own past as well. We see her journey from a little girl in Ireland to a woman in Victorian London who can read corpses like a book. Not only does this create a great context for her character, but we see how this kidnapping and Birdie's own childhood fit together.

Through her detective work, Birdie becomes involved with people and organizations that will pay anything to have a rare oddity, abnormal creature or horrifying myth come to life.

While the writing style can be hard to get used to at first, it is definitely worth it to power through. The unique writing, once I got used to it, gave life to every little thing that Kidd wanted to talk about, from the city of London to Birdie's ugly bonnet and anything in between. She also uses Irish myths and folklore in her writing, something I haven't seen any other writers do (usually if I read a book involving myths and legends they are Greek or Roman beasts and gods). I must add that the villains in this are very well written, and there's no *reason* for their behavior, which can sometimes leave me wanting more, but in this case showed that they were just psychopaths and sociopaths who don't need a tragic backstory in order to be taken seriously. From Kidd's perspective, it seems some people are just bad, no matter the circumstances they grew up in, and being good is a choice that people like Birdie, who had a horrific childhood and deals with death and gore every day, keep making.

If you love folklore, historical fiction, mysteries or magical realism (or if you're just trying to not be bored during the quarantine), then you'll want to pick up this book.

Durham businesses affected by COVID-19

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On Thursday, New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu issued all non-essential businesses to close in order to permit the spread of COVID-19. At the time of this writing, New Hampshire has over 150 positive cases.

Sununu's initiative comes a week after students at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) were ordered by President James Dean Jr. to finish the rest of the semester online and to move out of the dorms by March 30.

Both of these directives are expected to hit Durham businesses hard, and has already closed Wildcat Fitness.

Durham's downtown consists of a strip of a few restaurants, hair salons and bars. According to the director of the Durham Business Association (DBA), Katie Muth, the last couple months of the

spring semester are “usually good business months” for Durham as the town prepares for a summer without students.

“We help promote businesses, special events, promote through social media,” Muth said about DBA’s efforts to help the Durham businesses. JP’s Grill, Durham House of Pizza and Young’s are among a few of the restaurants that are part of the DBA. “I have never seen anything like this in Durham, nobody has seen anything like this. It may drive people to close because they are paying for utilities and employees and trying to stay open.”

Muth said that many of the businesses in Durham have already reached out and have been in “constant” contact with the DBA on their next steps amid COVID-19.

Wildcat Fitness, a gym located in the plaza on Mill Road, closed its doors last Thursday as result of temporarily closing for coronavirus.

“It is fitting that we opened in 2008 during a financial crisis, and now, 12 years later, we are closed during a crisis that affects the very essence of what we stand for in terms of promoting good health,” Wildcat Fitness’s website reads. “The CDC recommendation of discouraging gatherings of 10 people or more, and yesterday’s [last week] announcement that the university community will be staying away from Durham until at least mid-May lead to our decision to close as soon as possible to flatten the curve.”

Because of the uncertainty of the virus and not knowing when the pandemic will end, Wildcat Fitness explained that they are choosing not to re-open due to “economic implications” that could affect them in the long-run.

The Big Bean, which opened in Durham in September, has switched to take-out or curbside delivery only with limited hours from Thursday to Saturday, according to their social media. This comes after extending their hours after the winter season and adding a happy hour from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. JP’s Grill, around the corner from The Big Bean, has switched to curbside pickup and delivery.

Breaking New Grounds (BNG) has been a staple in Durham for the past 21 years and is currently still roasting coffee beans and serving take-out coffee during their regular hours from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., according to owner Todd Govoni.

“We will remain open for customers that want to come in for take-out and they can feel comfortable that we are adhering to strict cleaning guidelines,” Govoni said, adding that 95 percent of their staff are UNH students and 50 percent of their customers are Durham residents aside from the regular student crowd that they receive.

However, a coffee and food cart that is located on campus near Horton Hall, Rrramons' Food and Coffee Cart, has completely cut their hours in half and are only open from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., because of the changes the university has made – “98 percent” of their business is from UNH students.

“As far as having a plan in place, we really can't,” Kristin Valdez, who co-owns the food truck with her husband, Ramon, said. “We have to go by what the university is doing and go day by day.”

Valdez said to help local shops by following them on social media to see if they are doing take-out or delivery.

Muth feels that the Durham businesses will “pull through” despite a difficult couple of months that are in order and urges townspeople to “buy gift cards” to use at a later date, but to help the stores now. Govoni agrees about the purchase of gift cards and suggests for BNG members to shop on the store's website to buy coffee beans that can be shipped to their door.

“It certainly seems to help with stopping the spread of the virus and a logical solution to support social distancing,” Valdez said. “As tough as it is to deal with, it's necessary.”