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SCOPE presents Future as this year's spring concert

By HADLEY BARNDOLLAR
STAFF WRITER

UNH students finally have a confirmed spring concert in their "Future," as Scope announced its long-awaited performer on Monday afternoon.

Rapper Future will take the stage at the Whittemore Center on Friday, April 29. Artists Bas and Cousin Stizz will be the show's openers.

Holding multiple Billboard spots at the moment, Future's most notable work is a recent collaborative album with mega-star Drake, and as well as his high volume of released music. Popular songs of his include "Low Life" and "Where Ya At."

"He has single-handedly shaped the fresh new genre of trap music," Scope's Publicity Director Amanda Chabot said. "With the amount of music he continues to release, Future [is becoming] one of the most valued rappers in the industry right now."

Opener Bas is signed to J. Cole's Dreamville Records. Cousin Stizz is a local artist, hailing from Boston and signed with WME Records.

Future seemed out of our reach because of his high status in the hip-hop world," said Caitlin Meaney, Scope publicity member. "He's definitely at the top of his game; when you think hip-hop, you think Future."

Tickets for this year's spring concert will go on sale this Thursday at 8 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at Mubtickets.com.

Doors at the Whittemore Center will open on April 29 at 7 p.m., with the show beginning at 8:30 p.m.

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SBP election winners announced

By ZERINA BAJRAMOVIC
STAFF WRITER

Student Body President-elect Jonathan Dean and Vice President-elect Jason Rubinstein will assume office on May 1, 2016. Lincoln Crutchfield was voted the University System Student Board (USSB) representative. The USSB representative's term will begin on July 1, 2016.

Dean is a third-year UNH student senator and current chairperson of the External Affairs Committee. He is a junior in the Peter T. Paul College of Business

and Economics (Paul College), majoring in economics with a minor in health management.

Rubinstein is a second-year resident assistant. Also a junior, Rubinstein is majoring in philosophy.

Dean is also a peer advisor in Paul College, vice president of the UNH Student Alumni Network, and captain for the UNH Mock Trial Team.

Rubinstein is a graduate of the 8th Annual UNH Leadership Camp and has worked at the Department of Housing for three and a half years as a member of the

moving crew.

"Running in this election has been a great experience for both of us. The support we received from UNH students has been extremely humbling and we are very happy to be able to serve our fellow UNH students for the coming year," Dean said.

The Student Senate Election Committee announced the results of the election on March 10 at 1:00 p.m. and results were approved shortly thereafter.

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New Hampshire School of Law moves up in the national rankings of law schools; it is now ranked 82 out of 100 schools according to U.S. News and World Report.

Minnesota takes Frozen Four

A record winning streak for 'Cats



Minnesota beat Wisconsin and Boston College to clinch an NCAA Championship on Sunday at the Whitt.

The Wildcats set a single-season record of 20 wins over spring break.

This Week in Durham

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- Last day for graduate students to submit intent to Graduate for May 2016 without late fee.
- Wildcat Workout Project, Field House, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

March 23

- Fall 2016 schedule goes live at courses.unh.edu
- Wildcat Workout Project, Field House, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
- Art History Lecture: Anne Hunnell Chen, PCAC A218, 12:10 p.m.

March 22

- Paws and Relax with Hamilton, various locations - health and wellness, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Coaching for Performance - Goal Setting & Professional Development, Elizabeth Demeritt House conference room, 9 - 10:30 a.m.
- Relaxation Station, Health Services, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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- Queering the Spirit Lunch Discussion #5, MUB, 12:40 p.m.
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- Wildcat Workout Project, Field House, 12 - 1 p.m.
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TNH's editorial staff answers, "If you could see any artist/band in concert (past or present) who would it be?"

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The Spot opens its 3rd location on the Seacoast



Owner Jon Gozzo's daughters, Maeve and Lyona, enjoying acai bowls at The Spot.

COURTESY PHOTO

By **ADAM COOK**
STAFF WRITER

With summer quickly approaching, it is apparent that many people are trying to get in better shape to look good on the beach. As it is widely known, maintaining a good exercise routine and healthy diet are two key ways to accomplish such a task.

The Spot, one of Durham's newest businesses and located next to Lexie's Joint, is now open and seeks to provide healthy snacks to those looking for one.

"College students and most people are more in tune with their bodies nowadays and want something that is healthy and makes you feel great without wanting to take a nap after," said Jon Gozzo, owner of The Spot. "Acai makes you feel good, it's that simple."

An acai berry is a small grape-like fruit that is found in the Amazon basin in Brazil. Unlike grapes, acai berries have a less sweet taste and more of a tart flavor.

"It has been consumed by

Brazilians for many years and we have partnered with the guys who brought it into the U.S.," Gozzo said. "It is an imported product, so it is not cheap."

The acai berry is also known to be a mechanism used for detoxing the body. These processes, which usually use acai berries in pill form, are said to help the users lose weight and feel better about themselves.

"Acai is rich in antioxidants, vitamins and minerals, it promotes a healthy mind and body, it energizes you, heals you and makes you feel good all over," Gozzo said. "There are so many benefits to the acai berry you could write a book on it."

Gozzo has three shops opened up around the New Hampshire seacoast with the three locations being in Durham, Hampton's north beach, and at the main beach in Hampton.

"A lot of our summer customers in Hampton are UNH students, alumni and parents, and they have always asked us to come to Durham," Gozzo said in regards to expanding to Durham.

"The fit is natural, it was just a question of the right opportunity and location."

Lexie's Joint is owned by a friend of Gozzo's and told him it would be a good place to have his business.

"They make an excellent burger and we make a spectacular smoothie and acai bowl," said Gozzo.

When Gozzo opened the location near UNH, he knew his business would be wanted, but he didn't know what kind of demographic he would be getting until the doors opened.

"We have a diverse market in Durham," Gozzo said. "We have the students of course, but facility and locals as well, anyone who pays attention to their body is our target."

Gozzo said he has many athletes coming in after workouts as well as students that stop by before going to study for exams in the library.

"My own children eat acai all day long," Gozzo said. "They ask for it first thing in the morning."

ELECTION

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Despite having one fewer day of voting than in 2015, the voter turnout for Student Senate Elections increased over 47 percent this year. The number of students who participated in the voting was 1,714.

According to Student Senate Speaker and Election Committee Chairperson Gabriel Hoffman, this year's election was no more competitive than last year's, which means that "real and sustainable gains" were achieved in turnout.

Student Senate wanted to make sure that people could access the elections via Blackboard because it receives more regular traffic than WildcatLink. Although this has been done in the past, it was not the case for recent elections. Hoffman attributes this method of voting to the increase of voter turnout.

"We also focused on making

sure that the barrier to voting was as low as possible by creating advertising and direct communications that were to-the-point and easy to understand at first glance," Hoffman said.

"I'm hopeful that the new members of the executive board will be able to continue our successes and build on our failures," Hoffman said.

"We ran on a platform of communication, involvement and leadership and we plan to stick to that," Dean said.

Dean and Rubinstein want to increase communication between the university administration and UNH students in order to make sure that ideas are being communicated fully.

"We believe this is an exciting year for the University of New Hampshire and its students with the 150th anniversary celebration, the opening of the new recreation center, and the completion of the new football stadium and we are excited to be a part of that," Dean said.

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Bobcat hunting approved in NH

By **MICHAELA DUNN**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The highly controversial bobcat hunting and trapping season was approved by the Fish and Game commission on Feb. 17 in a split vote of 5-4.

“Sometimes, the heat of battle gets the better of folks,” said Dr. John Litvaitis, professor of wildlife ecology at UNH and lead researcher in the bobcat project. “There was a lot of confused information out there.”

Fifty permits will be issued by lottery to residents of New Hampshire for hunting and trapping of the bobcat. Hounding and baiting will be allowed under restriction.

There was a huge public outcry against the season. An online petition entitled “Save the Bobcat in NH” gained the support of 74,088 people as of Feb. 21. Close to 2,000 of the signatures came from New Hampshire residents.

Emotions are still running high, but some of the facts seem to have been skewed.

Litvaitis said that a number of people suggested trappers funded the study, and that it was known from the start that the research was going to be the explanation for opening the season.

However, these claims are not true.

“It was a mission to understand what bobcats were about ... after close to 30 years of protection,” said Litvaitis.

The claim that trappers funded the study is also false. There are federal funds allocated to states for wildlife restoration that come from a tax on guns and bullets. The amount of money allocated to each state is dependent on how many guns and bullets are bought in that state.

According to Litvaitis, there was a spike in the purchase of guns and bullets in New Hampshire during the Obama administration, and as a result New Hampshire received a fairly substantial increase in funds for wildlife restoration.

“Sometimes, the heat of battle gets the better of folks.”

Dr. John Litvaitis
Professor of wildlife ecology at UNH

This is where funding for the bobcat research originated.

Many in favor of the season cited that the carcasses of the hunted animals had to be turned over to Fish and Game for research. These supporters then argued that the season would help expand knowledge of the species.

“The information from these carcasses would be as current and representative as we could possibly be of the population,” said David Patch, a member of the Fish and Game Commission who voted

in favor of the season. “We will know exactly the health of that present population.”

“Fifty bobcats is not really going to tell you much of anything,” said Litvaitis. “In the context that 50 animals is close to what get hit by cars, and they aren’t going to give us new-found information that we aren’t going to get from incidental captures.”

According to the research that UNH has been doing, in conjunction with Fish and Game, the taking of 50 bobcats this coming year will have no effect on the population.

There is also no biological need to hunt the bobcats. The animals would be taken mainly for the sport of hunting, and the market value of their fur.

The controversy then boils down to if this is reason enough for the animal to be hunted.

“It just doesn’t make any sense,” said James Ryan, a member of the Fish and Game Commission who voted against the season.

He referred to it as “needless killing,” saying that he didn’t believe in “killing those animals just for the sake of taking their skin off.”

David Patch cited Fish and Game’s responsibility as an organization to make the opportunity to hunt a game species - as long as the species can handle it - available to New Hampshire’s sportsmen and sportswomen.

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UNH School of Law improves rating for 4th year in a row

By **GABRIELLE LAMONTAGNE**
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. News and World Report has improved the rating of the UNH School of Law for the fourth year in a row.

UNH School of Law, located in Concord, is currently in the same ranking group as Northeastern University on the U.S. News and World Report's Best Law Schools list, with a ranking of 82 out of 100. According to the UNH School of Law's website, the school's position in U.S. News' ranking has moved up 55 spots over the past three years.

Ranking criteria includes resources, careers of graduates, cost to attend and academics. The U.S. News site also gives information about the school's admissions and has other rankings for different departments and different types of law taught.

The UNH School of Law, widely known for its intellectual property law program, is accredited by the American Bar Association. The intellectual property law program ranks at 5 on U.S. News and World Report's list. This particular program has consistently been rated in the top 10 of its kind for 25 years.

For 40 years, the school has

taught intellectual property law and the website claims that "when you graduate from UNH Law, you will work at the level of a second- or third-year law firm associate."

This program offers options in both patent law, and trademarks and copyrights. For certain types of work in these fields, law students must pass a bar exam specific to those topics, such as the patent bar exam for those who wish to make a living trying patent cases. The trademarks option focuses more on the creation and enforcement of trademark law. Each pathway is very intensive with different sets of courses, so students need to decide on which option they prefer early on in their law student careers.

However, intellectual property law is only one of many fields offered at the UNH School of Law. For example, other majors include – but are not limited to – sports and entertainment law, litigation, and business law. The degree types offered are Juris Doctor (J.D.), a doctorate or the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in law; L.L.M., an internationally accepted certificate of advanced study in law, master's, joint, double, and certificates.

Also offered are two online law programs; one in international criminal law and justice and the

other in intellectual property law. The second option, however, does require some amount of time spent in New Hampshire and has a focus on patent law.

On the school's home page there is a short list of reasons why UNH School of Law is "different." The reasons listed include: an integrated educational experience, (referring to doing field work for credit), an intimate learning environment, (referring to the tight student-to-faculty ratio of approximately 8:3) and graduate real-world ready, (referring to the high percentage of UNH Law students who pass the bar exam and quickly obtain jobs in the field of their choice, which is approximately 90 percent).

The experiential education involves, or has in the past involved, internship-style work called "residencies" or "clinical programs" with companies such as Sony Music Entertainment and the Federal Trade Commission. This part of the website states that, "Our Daniel Webster Scholar program is the first bar exam-alternative program of its kind in the United States."

This in-depth program has steadily continued to improve in the eyes of the U.S. News and World Report's ranking of best law schools.



COURTESY OF PHANTOM

The UNH School of Law is ranked 82nd out of 100 of the best law schools, according to U.S. News and World Report. The school, which affiliated with UNH in 2010, is located in Concord, New Hampshire, the Granite State's capital.

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NH Brief

NH keeps close eye on ME insurance co-op

CONCORD — New Hampshire insurance regulators are working with their counterparts in Maine to monitor a financially struggling health insurance cooperative that serves both states.

Community Health Options, based in Lewiston, Maine, was the only cooperative in the country to make money on the Affordable Care Act's public insurance exchanges in 2014, but it saw big losses last year and stopped taking new customers in December. Last week, the Maine Bureau of Insurance announced it will be monitoring and posting financial updates about the cooperative every month.

In New Hampshire, where the co-op is one of five companies offering individual ACA plans, Insurance Commissioner Roger Sevigny says his priority is making sure

New Hampshire residents are treated fairly.

With 71,500 members, the co-op is the largest provider of individual health insurance in Maine. In New Hampshire, it has 12,700 customers.

After experience higher-than-expected enrollment and claims costs, Community Health Options posted a \$31 million loss in 2015, and is now setting aside \$43 million to cover possible big losses this year. Officials have said premiums are likely to go up, and the cooperative plans to submit its proposal to state insurance regulators in May.

If Maine regulators determine that the company would not be able to meet its obligations on an ongoing basis, consumers would be entitled to a special enrollment period during which they could select new coverage.



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Weekend storm could leave behind snow piles

STAFF REPORT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A weekend storm bearing down on the Northeast on the first day of spring is expected to dump up to a foot of snow on some parts of New England, making for a very messy Monday morning commute, but could leave behind only a couple of inches and clear skies in some mid-Atlantic cities.

In southern New England, forecasters are predicting heavy, wet snow and accumulation of 6 to 8 inches in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, said Stephanie Dunten, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Taunton, Massachusetts. The southeastern corridor of Massachusetts could get 8 to 12 inches, which could cause scattered power outages, she added.

It's the timing of the snowfall, not the amount, that has fore-

casters worried, Dunten said.

"It looks like the heaviest snow will occur during the morning commute, so that's going to cause havoc for commuters," she said.

The outlook is similar for northern New England.

The "big jackpot" of snow will probably hit the Penobscot Bay area in Maine, which could see up to 12 inches from Bar Harbor north, said meteorologist Eric Schwibs with NWS in Gray, Maine.

The snow will likely start early Monday, and the southeast coastal area will likely get 3 to 6 inches of snow, Schwibs said.

The bad news for skiers is the mountains won't see any of that.

In New Hampshire, the Concord area is likely to get 2 to 3 inches of snow and Manchester will see only a bit more than that. The seacoast could see 4 to 6

inches, Schwibs said, noting the snow will likely start after midnight.

"It's going to make the morning a commute a real pain," Schwibs said.

Four to 8 inches are predicted for eastern Long Island in New York and southeastern Connecticut.

By contrast, Philadelphia and New York City are expected to get 1 to 3 inches, with most of the snowfall occurring overnight, leaving behind clear skies Monday.

Faye Barthold, a meteorologist with NWS in Upton, New York, said precipitation from a low pressure system off the coast of the Carolinas is mixing with cold air from Canada.

What of a snowstorm on the first day of spring?

"Snow on this magnitude certainly isn't unheard of," Barthold said.

NH Brief

Man convicted of '71 murder bids for new trial

CONCORD — Lawyers for a New Hampshire man convicted of killing an 18-year-old woman more than four decades ago say a judge made several mistakes in denying his bid for a new trial.

Robert Breest has denied beating Susan Randall to death in February 1971 and has been trying to clear his name through DNA evidence.

A Merrimack County Superior Court judges rejected his

request for a new trial in July, prompting an appeal to the state Supreme Court. In a brief filed this week, the defense says the court should have considered whether the new evidence would have resulted in a hung jury, rather than an outright acquittal.

At issue is DNA evidence suggesting Randall had a violent struggle with at least two men, contradicting the state's claim that Breest acted alone.

Thief steals pet food from NH animal shelter

BEDFORD — Police are looking for the man who stole more than 500 pounds of pet food from the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire in Bedford.

WMUR-TV reports that the thief sometime Saturday night ripped the door to the pet food pantry off its hinges.

Images caught by a surveillance camera show the hooded man making several trips carry-

ing food out of the pantry. The shelves were left bare. He also took 15 pounds of dog treats.

Rescue league officials say a tool shed was also broken into but it appears nothing was taken.

Bedford police were on the scene Sunday.

Animal Rescue League officials are seeking donations to help restock the pantry. Pet food can be dropped off at the shelter after 9 a.m. on Monday.

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Jury awards Hulk Hogan \$115 million in Gawker sex tape suit

By **TAMARA LUSH**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A Florida jury sided with ex-pro wrestler Hulk Hogan and awarded him \$115 million in his sex tape lawsuit against Gawker Media.

The jurors reached the decision Friday evening, less than six hours after they began deliberations. The trial lasted two weeks, and Hogan wept as the verdict was read.

The jury isn't finished; they will return to court Monday to award punitive damages beyond Friday's sum. Just moments after the verdict, Gawker founder Nick Denton said he will appeal, based on evidence that wasn't introduced in court.

"Given the key evidence and the most important witness in this case were withheld from the jury, we all knew the appeals court would need to resolve this case," Denton said.

Hogan's team issued a statement as well: "We're exceptionally happy with the verdict. We think it represents a statement as to the public's disgust with the invasion of privacy disguised as journalism. The verdict says no more."

Hogan, whose given name

is Terry Bollea, sued Gawker for \$100 million for posting a video of him having sex with his former best friend's wife. Hogan contended the 2012 post violated his privacy.

First Amendment experts, media lawyers and privacy advocates watched the case closely.

"It's a huge damage award, and just the idea that a celebrity has a right to privacy that outweighs freedom of the press and the public's right to know, that's a huge shift in American free press law," said Samantha Barbas, a law professor at the University at Buffalo and the author of "The Laws of Image," which focuses on the history of libel and privacy. "It could potentially be a turning point in law."

The verdict and the unsealing of hundreds of pages of documents late in the day capped a three week judicial circus in the sleepy St. Petersburg courtroom. Jurors, media and thousands who followed the case on Twitter and livestream video were treated to days of details about Hogan's sex life, body part size, and images of him in thong underwear. There was wrestling history, videos of Hogan yukking it up with Howard Stern and, most notably, how Gawker — a 12-year-old news and gossip website in New

York City — does journalism differently from legacy media.

The unsealed documents will undoubtedly be key in Gawker's appeals process. The evidence was unsealed because a group of media companies, including *The Associated Press*, sued for access and won. The civil court judge in the case had ruled that the documents be sealed, but an appellate court sided with the media companies, saying they were of legitimate public interest.

The documents outline allegations, facts and conflicting testimony. Among them: assertions that Hogan filed the lawsuit to hide racist comments made on video, that the woman who Hogan had sex with knew it was being filmed, and that Hogan participated in an FBI investigation and sting because he was being extorted.

Earlier Friday, in spirited closing arguments, lawyers for Hogan and Gawker discussed themes of personal life versus celebrity and freedom of speech versus the right to privacy.

Hogan's attorneys told jurors this is the core of the case: "Gawker took a secretly recorded sex tape and put it on the Internet."

They said Hogan didn't

consent to the video, that Gawker didn't follow usual journalism procedures before posting it and that the video wasn't newsworthy. Gawker did not try to contact Hogan or the woman in the video; nor did the website contact the woman's husband, DJ Bubba The Love Sponge Clem, who recorded the video.

It was never conclusively determined during the trial who leaked the video to the media. Clem invoked his right to not incriminate himself and wasn't called as a witness. Hogan sued Clem and settled for \$5,000.

Hogan didn't ask for any of this to happen, lawyer Kenneth Turkel said, adding that Bollea, the private man, expected privacy during an intimate moment. Much was made during the trial of Hogan's celebrity persona versus Bollea's privacy.

"I want you to imagine the fact that for 35-plus years he is essentially an actor, an entertainer, who has played the same role," Turkel said.

He said Hogan "has every right, every right, to keep whatever precious private moments in his life, which for this gentleman are very few."

Gawker's attorneys told the jury that the video is "not like a real celebrity sex tape" and

urged them to watch the video, which contains nine seconds of sexual content.

"He has consistently chosen to put his private life out there, for public consumption," attorney Michael Sullivan said.

In the video, Bollea can reportedly be heard asking Clem: "You're not filming this, are you?"

"Why does that he ask that?" Sullivan said. "Because it's Bubba's bedroom. If anyone knows the dark and twisted things that Bubba is into, you can bet it is Mr. Bollea — you can bet it's Hulk Hogan."

He suggested that although the jurors might find the video, Gawker and Hogan's sex life distasteful, they must protect the First Amendment right to free speech.

A jury's monetary award isn't the last word. Such awards are usually appealed and are often reduced by appeals courts.

Hogan, who once had a reality TV show was silent Friday night as he walked out of the courthouse

The 62-year-old Hogan was clad all in black and wearing sunglasses in the twilight. He didn't speak to the media, and declined to sign an autograph request from a fan.

96-year-old California woman adopts 30-year-old daughter

STAFF REPORT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRESNO, Calif. — A 96-year-old California woman has adopted a daughter — a 30-year-old woman from Cambodia.

Bernice Dyck, a mother of two sons, formally adopted Chendra Kaub Chumb as her daughter six months ago, the Fresno Bee reported Saturday.

Dyck and her family knew the woman for years after helping her come to the United States from Cambodia following high school.

Chumb's biological mother still lives in Cambodia, and Chumb travels there yearly to visit her.

After Chumb arrived in the U.S., she lived with Bernice Dyck and Dyck's late husband in Fresno. Chumb has since graduated from Fresno City College and Fresno Pacific University. She is pursuing a master's degree in marriage and family counseling.

"The full life she helps me live, as my child, is the miracle," Dyck told the newspaper.

Chumb said the adoption al-

lowed her to experience true love. She

"Her love and always being my mother means the world to me."

Chendra Kaub Chumb
Adopted child

"My adopted mother, Bernice, wants the best for me," she said. "Her love and always being my mother means the world to me."

Bernice Dyck's son, Rick,

opened a school in Cambodia

in 2003 and stopped into a cafe where Chumb was working.

He recommended she study in the United States and showed her Fresno City College's website. Chumb arrived at Fresno Yosem-

ite International Airport in August 2003.

"We fell in love with her," Bernice Dyck said.

Bernice Dyck's other son, Skip, said he has been grateful for Chumb's presence, especially since he lives far away in Michigan.

"I have called her 'sis' regularly. I guess this sort of makes it legal now," he said.

The Dycks said they are hopeful the adoption will make it easier for Chumb to travel between the U.S. and Cambodia.

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Opinion

A big step forward

Missouri lawmakers got it right last week when the state's House of Representatives passed the Walter Cronkite New Voices Act by a count of 131-12 on March 15.

Although the bill still needs to be passed by the Missouri State Senate, the overwhelming majority of votes in favor of the bill are reassuring. Moreover, the bill passing the state's House is a big step in the right direction for keeping college newspapers' editorial decisions independent from their respective universities.

According to the *Student Press Law Center* (SPLC), "The bill would protect student journalists' right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press in school-sponsored media, regardless of whether the school district financially supports the media or if the publication is produced as a part of a class."

The New Hampshire is hopeful that the bill, which still needs to pass the Missouri State Senate to become law, will encourage other states to adopt similar legislation if they haven't already. It is too often the case that student-journalists

operate under the fear, real or perceived, that publishing a controversial news, sports or opinion article will result in having their publication's budget either cut or eliminated altogether.

This fear is detrimental to all parties involved since it may cause students to essentially censor themselves, as Missouri Western State professor Robert Bergland so perfectly put it in the SPLC article on the New Voices Act in Missouri.

The SPLC referenced the 1988 U.S. Supreme Court case *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier* writing that the case, "gave school administrators the power to censor school newspapers for any reasonable educational justification."

Recently, the student newspapers at Wesleyan University and the University of Kansas allege that they have faced budget cuts from their student governments as the result of publishing controversial articles. While the student-governments claimed the budget cuts came irrespective of their respective campus newspapers, the timing is awfully coincidental and at the very least fishy.

Student journalists are often

disrespected and not treated with the same regard as professional journalists. After all, it was just last November at the University of Missouri when journalists—student and professional alike—were sworn at, insulted and mocked by a mob that included students and faculty on the public university's quad. A bill like this will empower student journalists to continue doing the good work that journalists do in reporting.

The First Amendment is vital to democracy and a free press helps ensure a society that's equitable for all. However, it's a shameful reality that student-journalists feel as though they may be punished for exercising their constitutionally guaranteed First Amendment right. Worse yet, excluding student media from being protected by the First Amendment to the same extent as professional publications sets a dangerous precedent.

The New Hampshire lauds the Missouri House of Representatives for passing this act with near unanimity and hopes to see it signed into law, for the sake of student journalists and the First Amendment alike.

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her floor exercise and all-around routines. Doolin recorded a career-high 9.900 on floor, which tied for second at the meet, and finished in fourth place in the all-around with a score of 39.150. She was also named to the All-Tournament Second Team with a 9.775 vault and a 9.800 beam routine.

Doolin was not the only Wildcat to earn First Team honors. Danielle Mulligan and Mackenzie Kerouac made the team on the uneven bars, Lia Breeden was the sole honoree on beam and also joined Doolin and junior Meghan Pflieger on the First Team for floor.

“Personally, it was so exciting,” Breeden said after the meet. “All the hard work paid off finally.”

Doolin and Breeden were the first UNH competitors of the meet, opening on beam for the team during the first rotation. Doolin expressed some anxiety before her first championship meet, but the duo came out with strong routines of 9.800 and 9.850 to get the Wildcats going.

“It was kind of nerve wracking,” she said, especially considering she was the first athlete to perform. “The nerves definitely subsided...after that, the meet kept getting better.”

The team scored a 48.875 on beam to begin the meet, then had a break before moving to the floor exercises. Breeden said that the solid performance on beam had the team feeling good heading into the second rotation.

“Our energy was super high after beam,” Breeden said. “It was exciting seeing the scores go up, and they kept going up.”

Breeden was the first Wildcat to perform on floor, and once again got the team off to a good start with her 9.850, which tied her season-high. Pflieger then followed up with a 9.875 score, before Doolin’s 9.900 routine. The three scores helped UNH score 49.100 on the floor exercises,



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Lia Breeden scored a team-high 9.850 on beam, earning her first of two All-Tournament First Team awards in Saturday’s EAGL Championships, hosted by the University of Pittsburgh Panthers.

es, which was the team’s highest apparatus of the day and kept the Wildcats in second place.

The fourth rotation was vault, which has been one of the Wildcats’ weaker events throughout the season. But the return of sophomore Marissa Toci from injury lifted the Wildcats. Toci recorded a career-high 9.800 to lead the team, which scored a 48.775. George Washington, then the first-place team, faltered in the fourth rotation, and UNH finished with sole possession of first place with a running score of 146.750.

The Wildcats were on bye during the fifth rotation, and Pittsburgh and George Washington finished the meet with strong performances. UNH came out for its final event, the uneven bars, needing a 48.95 to clinch the EAGL title.

Mulligan and Kerouac scored impressive 9.825 marks, but the team fell just short, finishing the event with a 48.775

and second place overall with a 195.525 score.

Despite not finishing as the conference champion, the Wildcats did earn the right to continue competing, finishing No. 33 in the country and qualifying for the NCAA Regional round for the 33rd time in UNH head coach Gail Goodspeed’s 35-year tenure.

“We were all very nervous that we wouldn’t make Regionals because we had a couple meets that didn’t go our way,” Breeden said, adding that the team is looking forward to another chance to compete against some of the nation’s top talent for a chance to improve its national ranking and potentially earn a spot at the NCAA Championships.

The Wildcats will find out which of the six Regional meets they will attend on Monday at 4 p.m. during the NCAA Gymnastics Selection Show. The potential landing spots are the Univer-

sity of Alabama, the University of Georgia, the University of Iowa, the University of Michigan, the University of Minnesota and the University of Utah. The meets will take place on Saturday, April 2.

Wherever the ‘Cats end up, it has been another successful season, both in the gym and out. UNH not only placed second in the EAGL Championships, but earned nine different All-EAGL awards prior to the championship meet, headlined by Doolin’s Rookie of the Year honors. The team also named 16 athletes—over two-thirds of the team—to the conference’s All-Academic Team.

Doolin succinctly summed up the numerous awards the team has won this season.

“All the hard work is paying off.”

Check out Thursday’s paper to find out where UNH is headed.

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ed to play,” he said.

UNH spent the nine days between games preparing for the Stags, who held a 9-0 record against UNH in the all-time series, but UNH’s goal was clear.

“Going into this tournament, our goal and motivation in practice was, ‘let’s win our 20th game,’” Herrion said.

The team did just that, using an exceptional opening half to jump out to a 41-24 lead over Fairfield. The Stags came out hot in the second half and cut the deficit to nine points, but Smith’s late-game heroics helped fend off Fairfield, who finished its season with a 19-14 overall record.

While the team’s goal for Wednesday night was to earn a new program record in single-season wins, Herrion said that the CIT tournament is also aiding the team in its long-term goals.

“We’re trying to use this experience in the CIT to springboard [into the NCAA tournament],” Herrion said. UNH has only one senior on the roster and seems poised to become one of the America East’s most dangerous teams next season.

While many other teams are done playing, the extra games and the postseason exposure is something that Herrion thinks will benefit his team next season.

“You can’t really put a price tag on it...it’s great experience,” Herrion said.

The Wildcats drew the Coastal Carolina Chantieleers in the CIT’s second round, but UNH’s season ended on Saturday, March 19. The ‘Cats played a tight game with the Chants, but eventually Coastal Carolina pulled away, sealing a 71-62 victory.

UNH was led in the loss by Dion, who registered four more three-pointers en route to 16 points. Leissner recorded a dou-

ble-double, scoring 15 points of his own and grabbing an even 10 rebounds, while Smith chipped in 13 points, eight rebounds and four assists.

Coastal Carolina’s Elijah Wilson and Badou Diagne each tallied 19 points to lead the Chants, who are now 20-11 on the season and will play in the CIT’s third round on March 23 at 7 p.m. According to Coastal Carolina’s website, the team’s opponent is still to be determined.

Prior to Saturday’s game, Herrion said that one of the goals for Saturday’s game would be to use the extra playing time to build a platform for success next season. The ‘Cats have improved drastically in each of the last two seasons, and the ultimate goal of an NCAA tournament berth does not seem out of next year’s team’s high expectations.

“That’s the ultimate goal of this basketball team,” Herrion said in his Wednesday night interview. “We’re not there yet.”



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Jaleen Smith’s 19 second half points helped to lift UNH over Fairfield in the first round of the CollegenInsiders.com Tournament.

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- Danielle Doolin (1st year) Business
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- Caroline Houston (1st year) Bioengineering
- Danielle Mulligan (1st year) Biomedical and Veterinary

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tually fell, 13-7, and dropped to 3-6 overall.

"We certainly didn't do enough offensively and defen-

sively throughout the game to be competitive with Manhattan," Albrecht said. "We were careless with the ball which lead to a lot of turnovers and we didn't have the sense of urgency that we needed."

The break didn't go quite as planned for Albrecht's squad,

but bright spots during games showed tidbits of what the team is capable of, according to Albrecht.

"I think there are spots where we show how dynamic our team can be," Albrecht said. "I know they can do it, but they have to believe it themselves to

perform to the best of their ability."

The Wildcats return home on Saturday, when they will square off against the UMass Lowell Riverhawks at 12 p.m.

For more on UNH lacrosse, visit the official UNH athletics website, www.unhwildcats.com

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In Brief

FROM STAFF REPORTS COURTESY OF UNH ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Wildcats place 10th at 2016 National Collegiate Skiing Championships

Senior Jay Ogle earned All-America Second-Team honors with a seventh-place finish in the giant slalom on the first day of the NCAA Skiing Championships on March 9. The four-day championship event ended with the combined men's and women's team placing 10th overall.

Ogle led the men to a sixth-place team finish in the GS event, with a final time of 1 minute, 52.29 seconds for his two runs. For the women, Lisa Wedsjö's 18th-place result was the top finish for the 'Cats, as she crossed the finish line in 2:03.39.

On the second day of competition, Katrin Larusson was

the lone point-scorer, tallying 12 points with her 19th-place finish in the women's 5-kilometer freestyle race. On the men's side, Peter Holmes tied for 32nd in the 10-kilometer freestyle, but failed to score any points, and UNH fell from ninth place to 11th mid-way through the championships.

Bryan Cookson notched the seventh-fastest time during his second slalom run on day three of the competition, and moved from 17th place after his first run to 12th place overall. The finish earned 19 more points for the Wildcats, and Ogle joined his teammate with a 29th place finish for two more points.

Wedsjö was once again the top finisher for the women, skiing to a 14th-place finish and 17 more points. Geneviève Frigon and Randa Teschner finished 28th and 29th overall, respectively, and the Wildcats jumped back into the No. 10 spot through three days of competition.

Holmes led the men's Nordic team to a strong finish, snatching the 14th overall spot in the men's 20-kilometer classic race. Teammates Raleigh Goessling and Eirik Fosnaes finished 28th and 29th for the men, with only four-tenths of a second separating the duo.

Larusson and Lizzie Gill

scored points in the women's 15-kilometer classic, finishing in the 22nd and 29th spots.

The strong finish by the Nordic team helped UNH score 151 overall points, which was good for 10th place. Denver won the event with 567.5 points, defeating the championships' host and runner-up Colorado, which scored 491.5.

Rounding out the top-10 were Utah (485), Montana State (406), Dartmouth (335), New Mexico (317.5), Vermont (310), Northern Michigan (217) and Alaska Anchorage (179.5). Only Dartmouth and Vermont finished higher than UNH among teams

from the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association (EISA), UNH's conference.

Colorado's Steamboat Ski Resort and Howelsen Hill hosted this year's championships.

The Wildcats placed 11th last season, but this year's improvement into the top-10 marks the 25th time in UNH ski coordinator Cory Schwartz's 34-year coaching career.

Next season, New Hampshire will play host to the National Collegiate Ski Championships, which will be held at Cannon Mountain in Franconia. The meet starts on March 8 and wraps up on March 11.

Purrier, Piazza garner All-America honors

Sophomore Elinor Purrier and junior Drew Piazza of the University of New Hampshire men's and women's track and field teams earned All-American honors at the 2016 NCAA Division I Indoor Track & Field Championships last weekend.

UNH was the only America East school to have any All-American student-athletes.

Purrier collected third place overall, the best finish of any Wildcat track athlete at the NCAAs, in the mile finals with a

time of 4 minutes, 38.42 seconds. The finish earned her All-America First Team status, making her a three-time All-American in her young career. In 2014 she earned Second Team status when she finished 15th in the mile at the indoor NCAAs. Just last year she placed seventh in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the outdoor NCAAs for the First Team recognition before the most recent honor. Additionally, Purrier is the only Wildcat track athlete to ever earn All-American status in

both indoor and outdoor seasons.

The sophomore went into the championships seeded first overall holding the top collegiate time at 4:29.71, which was the eighth fastest time ever recorded in collegiate history. Purrier has placed herself in the discussion as one of the top runners in the country as a sophomore. She finished the 2016 indoor season with three school records in the mile, 1,000-meter run (2:46.02) and the distance medley relay (11:28.56).

Piazza finished eighth (1:47.97) in the 800-meter run preliminaries at the indoor championships for All-America Second Team recognition, his first such honor. In his first ever championship appearance, Piazza missed the cut to compete in the finals by just .06 seconds. The school record holder in the 800 improved his 800-meter time by .32 seconds from last season for a top-10 seed going into the NCAAs this season.

At the conference cham-

pionships, the two of athletes combined for four conference championships. Purrier won the mile (4:55.38) and the distance medley relay (11:28.56) while Piazza claimed gold in the mile (4:10.25) and the distance medley relay (9:54.48). Piazza also won a New England championship in the 800-meter race with a time of 1:49.52.

The Wildcats' outdoor season begins on Friday, March 25, with a meet in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Volleyball preparing for spring tournaments

Head coach Jill Hirschinger of the three-time defending America East champion University of New Hampshire volleyball team is excited to announce the spring schedule of games, kicking off March 23 at Boston College at 7 p.m.

New Hampshire is coming off its third straight league title and NCAA Tournament berth in the fall.

"After working hard in the weight room and focusing on individual skills development the Wildcats are looking forward to the competition," Hirschinger said.

New Hampshire plays its second date of the spring sea-

son April 2 at the College of the Holy Cross. Fairfield College, Providence College and the New England Pro Team will participate as well.

The Wildcats head to Rhode Island to play a tournament with Northeastern University, Brown University and the Rams on April 9 before heading home for the final spring tournament on April 23 with Harvard University, Dartmouth College and the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

All opponents and times are subject to change.

The Wildcats will be looking for replacements to this year's deep senior class, which

featured six players and five starters. Madison Lightfoot was the team's starting libero and holds the UNH program record for career digs. Tori Forrest was named the Most Outstanding player after logging 24 kills in the America East finals. Abby Brinkman, Cassidy Croci and Maggie Kenney also started for the Wildcats, and Brenna Buckwalter provided depth on defense for the team from the bench.

Middle blocker Demi Mus-es, the America East Co-Player of the Year, returns for her senior campaign next season. She set career-highs in points (358.0), blocks (72), kills per set (2.81), hitting percentage (.269), digs

per set (2.97) and service aces (31). The California native also finished the season ranked second on the team in double-doubles with eight last season.

Setter Keelin Severtson secured America East Setter of the Year, the second Wildcat to receive the honor in as many years, following the season. She was the third Wildcat to ever secure the honor. Severtson ranked third among Division I players with a 0.54 aces per set mark last season. She paced the conference with 9.54 assists per set and registered five double-doubles, third most on the team.

For more, follow the team on Twitter, @UNHvolleyball.

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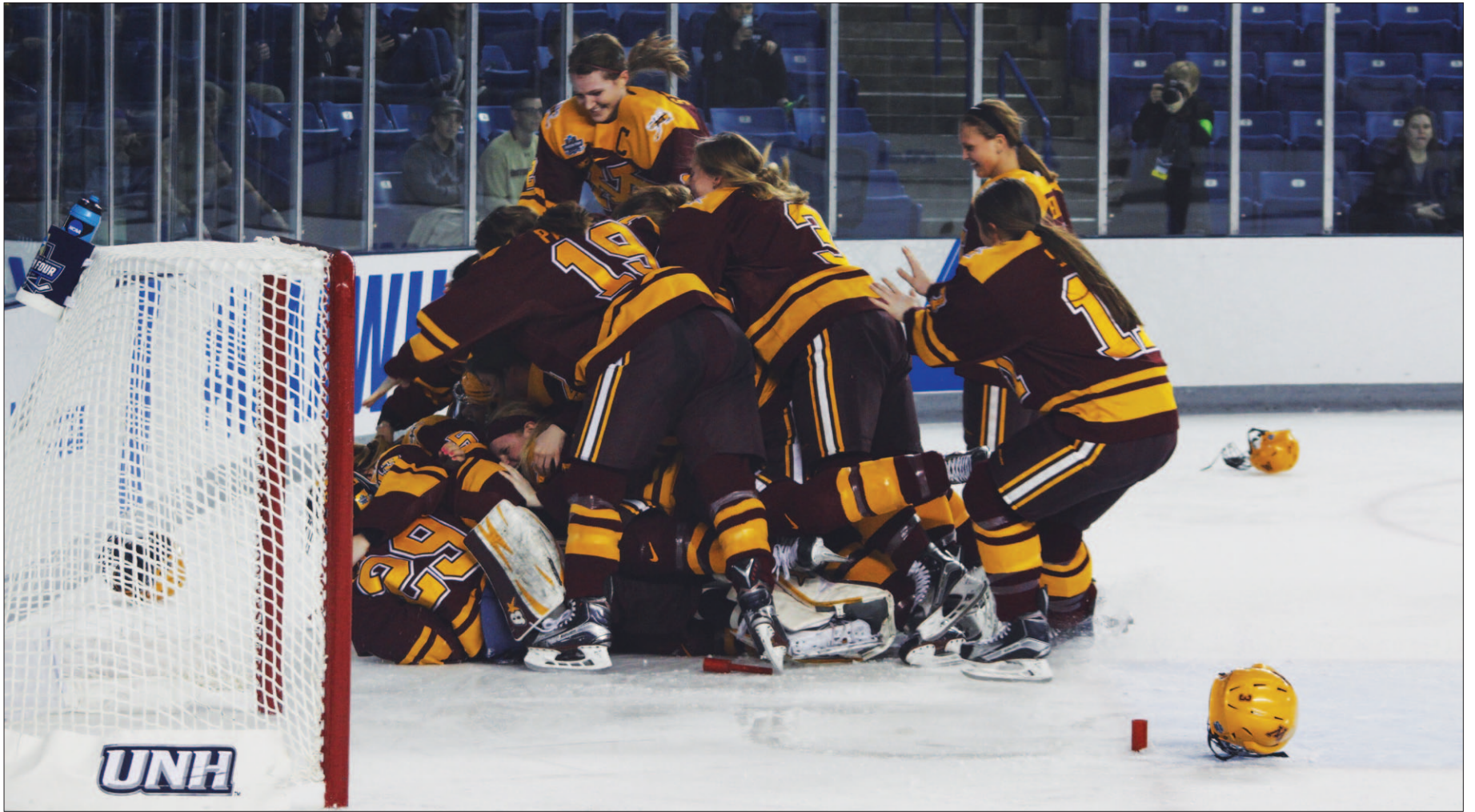
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Golden Gophers secure national championship with 3-1 win over BC



CHINA WONG/STAFF

Minnesota celebrates at the conclusion of the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship on Sunday. The Golden Gophers won the game 3-1 against BC.

By **MARK GARBINO**
STAFF WRITER

The University of Minnesota Golden Gophers' dynasty reigns, as they claimed their second straight NCAA championship and fourth in five years overall this weekend at the Whittemore Center.

"I'm just very proud of our team," senior right wing Amanda Kessel said. "It's an unbelievable feeling to win. I think everybody battled hard out there. These are games that you don't get back; we laid it all on the line, and I really couldn't be happier with our team's effort."

The 35-4-1 Gophers knocked off the University of Wisconsin 3-2 in overtime in the semifinals, before handing the Boston College Eagles a 3-1 loss in the championship game. BC's dominant season ended in heartbreaking fashion, as the loss ended its bid at a perfect season, finishing with a 40-1-0 record.

Despite the Eagles heading into the national title game with an undefeated record, Gophers head coach Brad Frost did not allow that to be a distraction from the task at hand.

"We didn't talk once about ending their perfect season," he said. "It was all about, 'we're playing in the national championship game,' and doing our best to go out there and try to win it. BC had an incredible year. Any time you can get to the Frozen Four is a great job, let alone go 40 wins in a row, so they're a tremendous

team, well coached, and we have a ton of respect for them."

BC vs. Clarkson

In the tournament's first semifinal game, the Clarkson University Golden Knights jumped out to a quick start on BC, breaking the scoreless tie 2 minutes, 27 seconds into the game. The remainder of the period was an evenly matched affair, but Clarkson held on to its lead, marking the first time all season that BC trailed after the first period.

Already in unfamiliar territory, the Eagles fell behind 2-0 when the Golden Knights' leading scorer Cayley Mercer tallied her 25th goal of the season 5:29 into the second period. BC had an uphill battle to climb, but was able to cut the deficit in half with a goal from senior right wing Haley Skarupa late in the middle frame.

Clarkson did everything it could to extend its lead in the third period, outshooting BC 16-6, but the high-powered Eagles found a way to battle back and tie the game. A low shot from senior defenseman Kaliya Johnson found its way through traffic and into the net with just under four minutes to go, sending the game to overtime, tied 2-2.

Just 58 seconds into overtime, Hockey East's leading scorer Alex Carpenter dished a centering pass to Skarupa for a one-timer, which she buried to complete the comeback win.

"I am so proud of our players," BC head coach Katie Crowley said following the game. "That Clarkson team is an unbelievable

team; they played us really tough. I don't think we've been down by two goals too many times this season, so I was extremely happy with the way our team reacted, and the way we stayed positive."

Minnesota vs. Wisconsin

The University of Minnesota Golden Gophers and University of Wisconsin Badgers added a new chapter to their storied rivalry in a tight, hard-fought affair Friday night.

In what appeared to be a theme in this tournament, Minnesota struck early, scoring just 2:15 into the game on freshman right wing Taylor Williamson's fifth goal of the season.

The Badgers were unfazed by their sudden deficit, and were able to tie the game 1-1 midway through the first period. Freshman forward Sophia Shaver jumped on a mishandled puck by the Minnesota defense and fired a shot past senior goaltender Amanda Leveille for her seventh goal of the year.

In the final 20 seconds of the second period, with the score still deadlocked 1-1, Wisconsin's second-highest scorer, Emily Clark, found the back of the net to give the Badgers the lead heading into the final period.

Their momentum was short lived, however, as senior right wing Amanda Kessel lasered a shot past Badgers' goalie Ann-Renée Desbiens to pull the game even once again, a tie that could not be broken within regulation time.

Fans at the Whitt were provided with more free hockey, with

the Badgers and Gophers competing in a thrilling overtime, complete with three power play opportunities, two of which were in favor of Minnesota.

With five minutes left in the extra period, freshman left wing Sarah Potomak's fore-checking pressure forced a turnover in front of the Wisconsin net, and her shot broke through Desbiens to send the Gophers to the title game.

BC vs. Minnesota

The Gophers did not waste any time generating offense in the national title game, and opened the scoring just 13 seconds after the opening faceoff. Minnesota freshman Sarah Potomak was left all alone in front of the net, and she one-timed a pass from center Hannah Brandt past BC goaltender Katie Burt for the 1-0 lead, the fastest goal in an NCAA Championship game. Potomak was named both the NCAA Rookie of the Year and the Frozen Four's Most Outstanding Player.

Minnesota brought its skating game early on, and put BC on its heels in the opening 10 minutes, generating 10 shots to BC's one. Burt stood tall to keep the deficit at one, and the Eagles came back strong with pressure of their own, doing everything but score in the second half of the period. The shot totals at the end of the opening frame were 12-12.

Play opened up in the second period, as the two teams continuously traded scoring chances in what quickly became

a goaltending duel between Burt and Minnesota's Amanda Leveille. Through 40 minutes of play, they each made 26 saves, turning away numerous high-quality scoring chances with apparent ease.

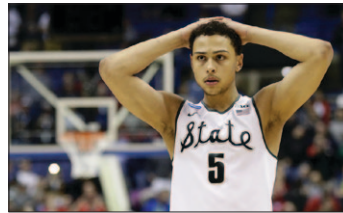
Leveille was very humble after the game, and credited her team's play for her success.

"I truly believe that all goaltender stats are a reflection of the team," she said. "I think they all played tremendous in front of me tonight, and I am very grateful that I have the defense and the forwards that I have."

Still trailing 1-0 in the third period, the Eagles' missed opportunities came back to haunt them. BC failed to convert on a power play 4:28 into the final period, mainly due to Leveille's play, which included an impressive glove save on offensive defenseman Megan Keller.

Just over two minutes after the penalty expired, Kessel scored on a slapshot from the high slot to extend Minnesota's lead to 2-0. Following the goal, the same events recurred. The Gophers were called for another penalty, but the Eagles could not find the back of the net, and shortly after, Minnesota center Kelly Pannek notched the team's third goal, putting the game of out reach.

The Eagles were finally able to solve Leveille with just under six minutes remaining, cutting the deficit to two, but it was too little too late, and the Gophers held on for the win.



March Madness brackets were busted on Friday when No. 2 Michigan State was upset by No. 15 Middle Tennessee 90-81 in the first round.

GYMNASTICS

'Cats clinch second at EAGL Championships

UNH's strong finish punches its ticket to the NCAA Regional round



By **ANDREW YOURELL**
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a busy spring break for the women of the UNH gymnastics squad.

The Wildcats had a quad meet against LSU, Oregon State and Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas, on March 12. The team finished in third place behind the No. 3 Tigers and No. 13 Beavers, but followed up the meet with a strong runner-up finish at the East Atlantic Gymnastics League (EAGL) Championships.

EAGLs were hosted by the University of Pittsburgh, which won its first championship with a score of 195.675, just ahead of the 'Cats (195.525), George Washington University (195.350) and North Carolina (194.975). North Carolina State and Towson were fifth and sixth with scores of 194.500 and 193.875, respectively.

"Everyone was really happy with how we did," freshman Danielle Doolin said. "I'm just really excited with my performance."

Doolin was named to the All-Tournament First Team for

COURTESY OF MICHELLE BRONNER

Danielle Doolin won the East Atlantic Gymnastics League (EAGL) Rookie of the Year award prior to the championship meet, and then earned two All-Tournament First Team honors for her career-best floor routine and her fourth place in the all-around.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Herrion's squad makes history

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"Every time we win a game now, we're doing something special with UNH basketball," UNH head coach Bill Herrion said from the UNH bus late on Wednesday night.

The Wildcats had just finished completing two new program records by defeating the Fairfield Stags on the road by a score of 77-62. The win raised UNH's record to 20-12 overall, the first 20-win season in UNH's 112-year history, and it also came in the opening round of the CollegeInsiders.com Tournament (CIT), marking the first postseason victory in Wildcats' history.

Leading the way for UNH was Jaleen Smith, who scored 19 of his team-high 22 points in the second half and nailed 13 of 14 free throw attempts to hold off the Stags. Sophomore Tanner Leissner also had a strong game, netting 15 points and eight rebounds. Junior Daniel Dion came off the bench and continued a torrid shooting streak, nailing five 3-pointers for 15 points.

"We got good contributions from everyone," Herrion said, noting that the team had relied on too few players in sev-

eral of its biggest games late in the year. While Smith, Leissner and Dion were impressive, they were hardly the only stars, as sophomore Iba Camara hauled in a team-high 11 rebounds and junior Jacoby Armstrong scored 10 points and had nine rebounds of his own.

The Wildcats set a program record earlier in the season when they won their 19th game in the opening round of the America East Playoffs, defeating the Binghamton Bearcats. The win brought UNH's two-year win total to 38, the most in school history, but the celebration was short-lived.

UNH traveled to Vermont for the conference's second round of playoffs on March 7. Burlington has been a house of horrors for UNH lately, and the playoff contest was no respite. Vermont cruised to an early lead and held on to secure a 63-56 win and a berth into the America East Conference Championships.

A day later, UNH received its CIT bid, but Herrion had his doubts about the team's desire to play and called some of the more experienced players into his office to discuss whether or not UNH would accept the bid.

"They were adamant that they want-

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Wildcats struggle over break

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It was a frustrating week for the Wildcat lacrosse team.

UNH was able to put together three strong performances in late-game situations, but only one resulted in victory as the Wildcats went 1-2 over the spring break road trip. The team grabbed a win over Monmouth University, but dropped two close decisions to Harvard University and Manhattan College.

The 'Cats got started with a battle against the Harvard Crimson on March 12. The Wildcats were down a significant margin, with the score 12-5 Harvard with under eight minutes left to play. A tally from Krissy Schafer at 5:56 sparked a Wildcat comeback, as UNH scored six unanswered goals to cut the lead to 11-10 with nine seconds left. Time ran out, however, and the 'Cats fell a goal short to Harvard on the road by an 11-10 final.

UNH played a similar game against Monmouth on March 16. The 'Cats were again down at halftime, this time by a 4-3 score. The Wildcats played strong in the second frame, only this time they finished the job. Nine ground balls and 13 shots lifted UNH over Monmouth by a 9-7 final.

"Monmouth fought hard all game but we were able to pick up our energy in the second half and that made a difference," head coach Sarah Albrecht said. "We need to make sure that we are bringing our energy and intensity from the beginning of the game."

Fundamentals were a component that caught Albrecht's eye in Wednesday's win, but she also believes the team has to stay consistent in that category to relieve the issue.

"The fundamentals are getting better but we still have to continuously work on them to make them a part of our game," Albrecht said. "Creating good habits is key to our improvement throughout the season."

The trip concluded on Saturday, when the Wildcats traveled to Manhattan College to take on the Jaspers. It was a high scoring affair, with Manhattan doing most of the damage in the first half. The Jaspers posted nine goals and controlled eight draws in the first half. UNH, for the third consecutive game, gave a strong effort down the stretch, outscoring the Jaspers 6-4 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to grab the win. The team eventually fell, 13-7, and dropped to 3-6 overall.

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