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HoCo unveils newly constructed dining area



ETHAN HOGAN/STAFF

John Domencio (left) and Brett Quinn (right) enjoy a meal in the renovated section of HoCo.

By **ETHAN HOGAN**
STAFF WRITER

HoCo's expansion cost 10.5 million dollars, took over 8 months and was the first step in a larger scale dining program at UNH according to Jon Plodzick, director of dining halls operations. The renovations and subsequent expansion started back in May 2015 and are finishing up as students arrive for the Spring 2016 semester. So what exactly did we get with the new HoCo expansion?

The biggest additions are the impressive new seating areas located behind the grill station to the right of where guests enter. The expansion added a three-floored dining area connected with terraces, balconies and split-level staircases. The modern style allows guests to move easily through the open areas between tables. Now the upstairs of HoCo opens up into the third floor of the new addition. Natural light floods

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Durham to hold Democratic debate

By **HADLEY BARNDOLLAR**
STAFF WRITER

In 2016, there are 81 million millennials eligible to vote, according to Reuters. But only about 15,000 of them will be given front seat access to one of the final Democratic debates in Durham on Thursday night.

According to a press release on Sunday by MSNBC and Durham Town Administrator Todd Selig, Durham will hold a Democratic presidential debate on Feb. 4 at 9 p.m. eastern time.

"All three Democratic presidential candidates, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Sen.

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UNH hospitality management earned a ranking in the top 10 percent nationally



GABRIELLE LAMONTAGNE/STAFF

Hospitality management students attending a hotel show in NYC.

By **GABRIELLE LAMONTAGNE**
STAFF WRITER

The UNH Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics' Hospitality Management Program received a national ranking within the top 10 percent of hospitality education programs on Jan. 20.

The faculty of the Hospitality Management department are very proud of this achievement. Former Dean of Paul College and professor Dan Innis stated, "I think that changes within the department within the last year are a large part of this new rating. Work with the Honors program and more.... all of these things have come together within the past year and led to this recognition."

The program is intense but each student can tailor it to their

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Police explain why no alert was issued after a reported robbery

By **HADLEY BARNDOLLAR**
STAFF WRITER

After three armed robbers were reported at an off-campus house on Madbury Court the night of Nov. 28, no emergency alert was issued to the UNH community. But according to UNH Police Chief Paul Dean, the situation was a working investigation that played out differently from past scenarios.

"We're usually very good at sending these things out, but I need accurate information," Dean said. Durham Police were the first on scene, as the incident took place off campus.

"Once [Durham Police] got to the scene and conducted the investigation, they didn't have all the facts," Dean said. As the

victim's cellphone was stolen, he was forced to flee downtown to find his roommates, which resulted in a delay in reporting.

Dean said the department wanted to issue an alert, but by the time information was confirmed, several hours had passed. In addition, the incident occurred on Thanksgiving break weekend, and most of UNH's campus was void of student life.

"If you look at the definition of a timely warning, it says it is subject to investigation," Dean said. "If I put out incorrect information into the community, that's wrong too. The information needs to go out and it needs to be accurate."

Dean emphasized that mat-

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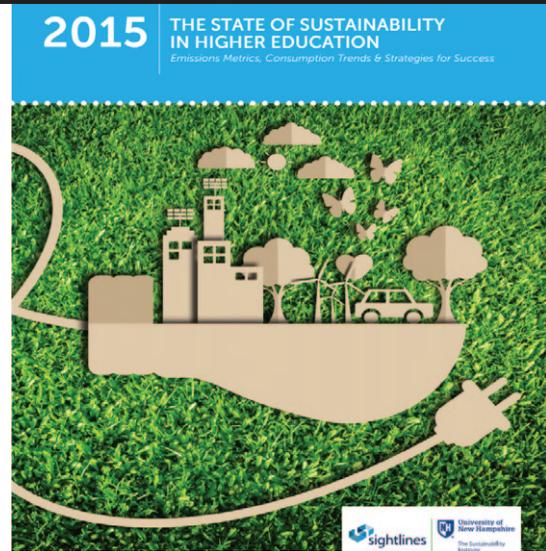
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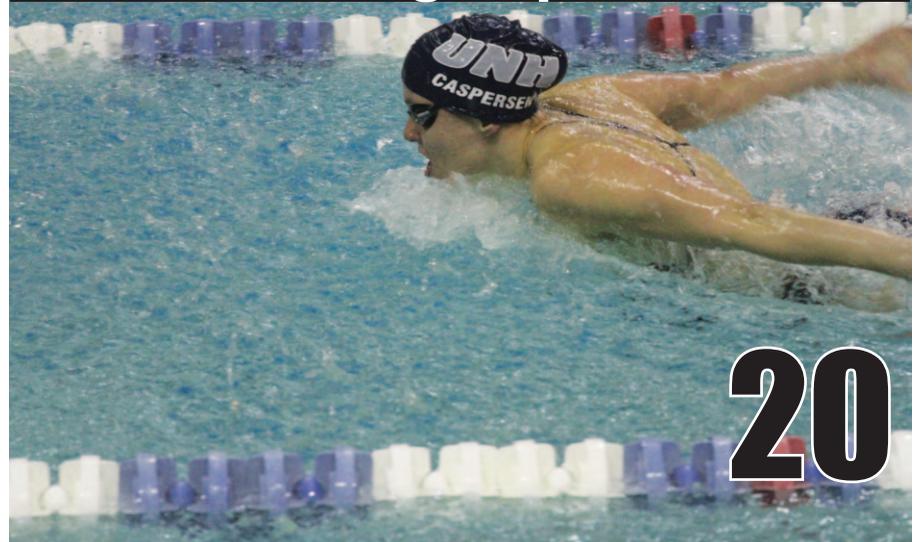
Campus Carbon Calculator (CCC), created by UNH and Sightlines, shows a decrease in UNH's Greenhouse Gas emissions over the past few years.

Save by Smith



Kyra Smith earned her first career shutout and Pro Ambitions Hockey East Rookie of the Month honors over the winter break.

Making a Splash



The Wildcats won all 16 events in Friday's dual meet against Maine. The meet was also the team's senior night.

This Week in Durham

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- Wildcat Workout Project, Field House, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
- Guided Meditation, MUB 340, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.
- UNH Traditional Jazz Series: Mark Turner Quartet, Johnson Theatre, 8 p.m.

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- LAST DAY for graduate students to register without \$25 late fee
- Webcat registration ends at 4:30 p.m.
- Coaching for Performance - Coach Overview, Elizabeth Demeritt House conference room, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wildcat Workout Project, Field House, 12 - 1 p.m.

Feb. 3

- Add/Drop Continues with paper add/drop form, refund rules vary.
- Wildcat Workout Project, Field House, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
- Stealing Democracy: How much influence does your vote have?, MUB Strafford Room, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

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Professor co-authors book

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Dante Scala, UNH political science professor and faculty fellow at the Carsey School of Public Policy, co-authored a book with associate Henry Olsen about the GOP.

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specific learning desires. For instance, the program has about 23 core courses and electives, from which students can choose. In fact a lot of work goes into the program from both students and faculty.

The faculty and staff of the department put in a lot of work inside and outside of the classroom to improve student learning experiences. This includes faculty research, as UNH professors are required to do some form of research.

“We achieved that [distinction] for a lot of reasons. The primary is probably that the faculty put a lot of time and effort into their research. I think that demonstrates a dedication to academic work and to helping students,” explained Chair of Hospitality Management Nelson Barber.

According to Innis, this recognition can be attributed to the leadership skills of one man, “the dean of the program, Dr. Nelson Barber is a great leader. By bringing in a great set of faculty, the program has earned this new rating. The department has really done a great job there,” he said.

The Hospitality Management department motto, as found on their home webpage, is that this department is “where experience matters.”

Professor Carl Lindblade explained, “Our departmental recognition lies with our newly enhanced program of industry engagement wherein all our students will have had formal internship experiences as well as 3 years of career development training to provide them the skills needed as they enter the professional workforce.”

According to Barber, “You really have to understand more than the theory, you have to understand how to apply it. We have a partnership with Newmarket International, a hotel-industry software company. Students are practicing the software here in the classrooms. They can put on their resumes ‘I already know how to use hotel-industry software programs’.”

Other hands-on experiences offered by the Hospitality Management program include a capstone project during which students plan, market, host, and run a three day event and a trip to New York City to tour restaurants, hotels, and more. Such hands-on experience and prior knowledge improves chances for career placement after graduation.

These types of training translate extremely well to employment post-graduation. Barber said, “Our placement rate is near 100 percent. We bridge the gap between students and alumni through networking events, seasonal work, and internships.”

Innis had a similar review of the program, adding, “That’s been the case for a very long time. By the time they graduate they’ve really built a solid background: with a mix of hands-on and classroom experience.”



ETHAN HOGAN/STAFF

(Top) New tables and seats on the third floor of the newly constructed dining area in HoCo. (Bottom) An aerial view of the decor found in HoCo’s new dining area.

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ters were first dealt with by Durham Police and then relayed to UNH Police. UNH Police issue emergency alerts.

“If it was UNH [police department’s] situation and we had all of the information, it would have gone out,” he said.

Dean also referenced past situations, including a November 2014 gun brandishing at the Gables apartments and a September 2014 armed robbery at the Irving

Circle K convenience store.

“With the gun at the Gables, we had a guy in custody who said he threw the gun into the woods,” Dean said. “The issue at the Irving station was that the person brandished the gun and he was running towards campus. It was timely, it was on video. That was different. This here, there was a delay in reporting and confirming. There was a lot to go through and nobody wanted to be wrong.”

Dean says the police department is constantly working on improving the efficiency of the emergency alert system and meeting the needs of the student body.

DEMOCRATS

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Bernie Sanders of Vermont and former Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley are expected to attend,” the press release said.

The debate will be moderated by NBC’s “Meet the Press” Chuck Todd and MSNBC politics host Rachel Maddow. This will be Todd’s second stop in Durham along the campaign trails, as he visited campus once before in October.

According to Selig, the expected venue is the Johnson Theater within the Paul Creative Arts Center, where a Republican debate was held 8 years ago.

“We have historically hosted debates at the Johnson Theater,” he said. “It probably lends itself more successfully to this type of event. Acoustics are good, it’s a nice stage and the audience isn’t too large.”

As for the media expected to roll into town Thursday, Selig assures that “Durham and UNH are no strangers to media frenzy and will deal with it with grace and style.”

“New Hampshire citizens value the right to vote and robust political debate,” Selig said in the press release. “In that spirit, we welcome the Democratic presidential candidates to Durham and the UNH campus on Thursday, Feb. 4, for a historic national debate which may well have a pivotal role in the outcome of the Democrat Presidential Primary on Feb. 9.”

With Selig referring to Durham in the press release as a “quintessential New England college town,” these three candidates will take to the battleground in which could influence the outcome of the first-in-the-nation primary.

Details regarding tickets or access to the event have not yet been released.

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in through the wall of windows.

The new area increases the total number of seats from 883 to 1,202. The green seats in the new area are a product of the Coca-Cola Company and are made from recycled 20 oz. plastic bottles.

First however, guests need to figure out how to use the new lockers and finger print scanners.

“There’s some challenges associated with the lockers,” said Plodzick about the finicky nature of the new electronic lockers. “We realize that students do want to secure some of their valuables...the old keys were very problematic because people would take the key.”

“I was at Universal Studios and they had key-less lockers and I thought ‘Why cant we have key-less lockers?’” said Plodzick

Plodzick explained his theory that taking the \$49 keys must have been a pledge task because of how often they would get stolen. Now students must type in a six-digit code and also scan their fingers to open and close a locker. The technology is state of the art, but the process is time consuming especially for student in a rush.

The fingerprint scanners to enter the dining hall are also brand new and replace the previously updated finger scanners from just last semester. The previous finger scanners only held 10,000 fingerprints but the number of students with meal plans was 11,000. The temporary solution was to create a separate lane and database for students with swipes hence the now defunct swipes lane.

The new fingerprint scanner

system holds 50,000 fingerprints and eliminates the need for separate lanes.

“This allows us to get rid of the lanes and you can come into any one of the lanes and it is able to recognize you,” explained Deb Scanlon, the area manager at HoCo.

Scanlon explained that the new technology has been a learning process for the team saying, “The light at the end of the tunnel is right there! We’re almost touching it.”

Working with Miller Dyer Spears Inc., an architecture company out of Boston, and Ricca Newmark Inc., a food service design company, the HoCo team worked on developing the new dining areas.

Drawing inspiration from the old outdoor seating area that used to be outside of Dunkin’ Donuts they made a design that is supposed to resemble a garden terrace. Additionally, the team at HoCo worked with Invision Strategies LLC, to study the usage of meal plans and to solve the problem of over crowding in the dining halls.

“[HoCo is] really a powerful tool for orienting and recruiting students to campus” said Plodzick.

“No student fees were increased because of this addition,” said Plodzick adding “we took the money we had saved over a number of years and used that while trying to drive efficiencies within our program.”

“I like it, I think there should be drink stations”, said Kyla Madden a UNH undergraduate, adding “There is more seating but all of the food [stations are] the same so the lines are ridiculous.”

“It’s definitely nicer than the old part,” added Madden’s friend Caitlin Gaughan.

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2 UNH dining halls receive green certification

By **ZERINA BAJRAMOVIC**
STAFF WRITER

UNH Dining kicked-off the spring semester with a major accomplishment. Both Stillings and Philbrook have joined Holloway Commons in becoming certified as official Two-Star Green Restaurants by the Green Restaurant Association (GRA).

To receive the two-star rating, UNH Dining has taken 51 environmental initiatives in six categories in order to reduce the campus's overall environmental impact.

These six categories include sourcing sustainable food, conserving energy, reducing water usage, minimizing chemical pollution, reducing waste through recycling, and using environmentally preferred disposables when required.

Stillings Dining Hall received its certification late November of last year and Philbrook closely followed and was also recognized as a Two-Star Green Restaurant in the first week of the spring 2016 semester.

"We take our sustainability practices really seriously and we're very proud of that," said David Hill, assistant director of culinary operations for UNH.

Hill worked closely with the Green Restaurant Association in taking the necessary steps for the university's dining halls to be recognized by the organization.

The GRA uses a point system to assess the environmental impact that restaurants have in various categories and then provides strategies and recommendations to be implemented for sustainability improvements. These GreenPoints™ determine how many stars the restaurant's green certification gets. The levels start at a 1-Star Beta certification and go up to four-stars.

"We were really close to begin with," Hill said.

According to Hill, the initial assessment was a long process, which included a lot of information about UNH's dining practices. Invoices, pictures, and Skype video-calls were a critical part of the assessment.

"I even had to count how many light bulbs were in each dining hall and provide their type," Hill said about the process.

The final product along with the two-star rating was a certification report, which can be found online on UNH Dining's website.

The Green Restaurant As-



ZERINA BAJRAMOVIC/STAFF

Snow piles up in front of Stillings Dining Hall. Both Stillings and Philbrook have joined Holloway Commons in becoming certified as official Two-Star Green Restaurants by the Green Restaurant Association (GRA).

sociation is a non-profit organization that has been providing restaurants, food-distributors,

and consumers with a platform to be more environmentally responsible since 1990. In the last

26 years, the GRA has certified thousands of restaurants across 47 states and Canada.

Dr. Nancy Targett appointed as the new provost

By **ADAM COOK**
STAFF WRITER

Last week, President Mark Huddleston appointed Dr. Nancy Targett, acting president from the University of Delaware as UNH's new provost.

A provost is a high ranking position that overlooks the administration in the university. According to UNH's website, Dr. Targett will be "responsible to the president for the creation and implementation of the academic priorities for the university and for the allocation of

resources that will support those priorities."

She will be working closely with the deans of each college within the university as well as the head of each department to allow students to have the best academic experience they can possibly have.

Dr. Targett currently holds the acting president position at the University of Delaware, meaning she is the head of the school while they are in a transition period between two other presidents. Dr. Targett began her acting presidency stand on

July 1, 2015. Before before taking the position, Dr. Targett was the dean of the College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment at the University of Delaware as well as the director of the Delaware Sea Grant College Program.

Dr. Targett received her Bachelor of Science in chemistry and biology at the University of Pittsburgh. From there, she went on to get her Master's of Science at the University of Miami in marine science and finally to the University of Maine to complete her Ph.D. in oceanography.

Throughout Dr. Targett's

professional career she has had held many different titles. Overall, Dr. Targett has served on many different boards and committees such as the National Research Council Ocean Studies Board, the Mid Atlantic Fisheries Management Council, the Surf Clams and Ocean Quahog Committee, amongst many others. All of her different positions have mostly been based around oceanography and science, showing that she has pursued her passions.

Dr. Targett is nationally recognized for her expertise in

ocean issues. She held the treasurer position at the Sea Grant Association. This association, according to their website, "advocates for greater understanding, use, and conservation of marine, coastal and Great Lakes resources." Dr. Targett has been a part of the organization for 9 years now as she began as a secretary in 2007.

Dr. Targett will finish out this academic year as the acting president of the University of Delaware and begin her new position as provost at UNH on Sept. 1, 2016.

New Hampshire congressman repays \$355K to 'family pot'

By **HOLLY RAMER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD — U.S. Rep. Frank Guinta has repaid \$355,000 he was accused of illegally accepting from his parents in 2010, and on Friday he emphasized his more recent accomplishments as he officially began his re-election effort.

For years, the New Hampshire Republican flatly denied the money was an illegal campaign donation from his parents and insisted he and his wife had saved it through years of hard work. He later told the Federal Election Commission that since he was a young child, he contributed to and managed a "family pot" of money that was in his parents' name but that was available to him and his siblings.

Guinta maintains that his only mistake was improperly reporting money that was rightful-

ly his. But in an agreement made public in May, the commission concluded that Guinta broke the law by accepting donations above the legal limit from his parents, fined him \$15,000 and ordered him to repay the money.

Guinta paid the fine last year, and on Friday, announced that he has repaid the \$355,000. He also announced his re-election campaign, though he has said for months that he planned to run again.

"This is a complaint from five years ago. Unfortunately, it took a long time to resolve," he said. "I've been upfront with people and said, 'Look, I made a mistake,' and I've apologized for it over the years. The settlement, and the completion of the components of it, I hope put it in the rearview mirror."

According to the FEC, Guinta's family contradicted his claims. His sister said she didn't

know the "family pot" existed.

Guinta said his new campaign will focus on job creation and economic growth, and he touted recent successes, including the delay of a widely criticized tax on high-cost employer health insurance plans and the bipartisan task force he created with Democratic Rep. Annie Kuster to combat the nation's heroin crisis.

"It really demonstrates my ability work with Republicans and Democrats," he said. "Given how frustrated people are with Washington, how frustrated they are with the lack of the action, I think what's important is some of the results I've gotten."

While Guinta says it's been months since voters have raised the issue of his finances with him, he knows his opponents will bring it up. He'll face at least one primary challenger — former University of New

Hampshire business dean Dan Innis, who finished second to Guinta in 2014. On the Democratic side, former U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter faces Bedford businessman Shawn O'Connor.

Shea-Porter served for two terms in New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District before Guinta defeated her in 2010. She won in 2012, only to lose to him again in 2014. It's possible they could face each other for a fourth time in 2016.

News of the FEC settlement last spring sparked calls for Guinta's resignation from Democrats and some Republicans, including U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte. The head of the state Republican Party, Jennifer Horn, stopped short of directly urging him to step down, but said he "has clearly been untruthful."

Shea-Porter's campaign manager, Naomi Andrews, on Friday said Guinta should step

down "or at least have the decency to admit he was lying."

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Police investigating vehicle arsons, thefts

PORTSMOUTH — Police are investigating a pair of early morning vehicle fires in Portsmouth.

The first blaze was reported at about 2 a.m. Saturday on Chapel Street. The fire on the interior of the vehicle's passenger side had been put out by the time police arrived.

The second fire was reported at about 4:30 a.m. on Melbourne Street. Police say

the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames when officers arrived and has been deemed a total loss.

In addition, police say they received several reports Saturday of vehicles that had been gone through or had items inside them stolen or set on fire.

Portsmouth Police are asking anyone else who had their vehicle gone through to contact them.

Car smashes in to a local Derry Restaurant

DERRY — No one has been seriously hurt after fire officials say an out-of-control vehicle drove into a Derry restaurant.

It happened shortly after 3 p.m. Friday at T-Bones Great American Eatery on Crystal Avenue.

The Derry Fire Department says the vehicle ran into a column supporting part of a roof over the entranceway to the restaurant after the driver lost control.

It continued on 150 feet before coming to rest in an adjacent parking lot. Two people in the vehicle have been taken to the hospital as a precaution.

No one was hurt inside the restaurant, but it was evacuated.

Firefighters were able to shore up the damaged column and the restaurant reopened about 5:30 p.m.

Derry Police didn't immediately respond to a request for comment on whether the driver will face any charges.

Airlifted man is charged with DUI for crash

PETERBOROUGH — New Hampshire state police say a man was charged with aggravating driving while intoxicated and airlifted to a Massachusetts hospital with possible life-threatening injuries after a three-car accident in Peterborough.

Police say 54-year-old Leonard Gonthier of Jaffrey swerved into the oncoming lane of Route 202 near the Peterborough-Jaffrey line and side-swiped one vehicle before crashing head-on into another

car just after 7 p.m. Saturday.

Authorities say the driver and passenger of the first vehicle Gonthier struck — 19-year-old Cameron Vetter and 18-year-old Karlee Daug, both of Rindge — were treated for injuries and released from Monadnock Community Hospital. The driver of the second vehicle — 32-year-old Reed Leger of Merrimack — was also treated and released.

It was not immediately known whether Gonthier has a lawyer.

Climber falls nearly 30 feet rope, rescued

HARTS LOCATION — A man ice climbing on cliffs in New Hampshire has been taken to a hospital after he fell about 30 feet and was rescued by other climbers and emergency responders.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department says 24-year-old Kevin Garcia, of Providence, Rhode Island, was climbing at Frankenstein Cliffs on Saturday when he fell from near the top of a route called Pegasus and continued falling

until his rope stopped him.

The department says Garcia lost consciousness then came to and was lowered safely to the ground by other climbers; he was placed on a litter and taken to a parking lot, where an ambulance took him to Memorial Hospital in North Conway, New Hampshire.

A hospital spokeswoman says she didn't have an update Saturday night on his condition.

UNH professor co-authors book on GOP

By **MARK KOBZIK**
STAFF WRITER

Dante Scala, a UNH political science professor and faculty fellow at the Carsey School of Public Policy, recently co-authored a book with his associate Henry Olsen called "The Four Faces of the Republican Party: The Fight for the 2016 Presidential Nomination." The book looks at the four main factions that the Republican candidates must win over to gain the Grand Old Party nomination.

Scala said they wrote the book because, "we thought the Republican electorate... weren't as well understood as we thought they should be."

They chose to write a profile of the divisions within the party that make up a more diverse constituency than they thought was represented in the mainstream political discourse. According to Scala, the story of how Republican nominees attract their voters is not well represented. The usual theory is that Republicans are more conservative during the nomination process and then move to the middle once they must contend against a Democrat. This theory, according to Scala and Olsen, is too simplistic. This is where the name of their book comes into play as they discuss the four parts of the party and how the real nomination happens.

The four parts go as follows: there are moderate voters, somewhat conservative voters, very conservative, evangelical voters, and then finally there are the secular conservatives. By using exit poll data dating back to the 2000 primary, the authors were able to see how voters go through the process of picking their candidate.

While writing the book, Scala found what surprised him the most was how important moderate and even liberal Republicans are to the nomination process. According to Scala, they amount to about 3/10 of the Republican vote.

Scala said, "Typically we think of the Republican Party as the conservative party, but in reality the more liberal side of the party makes up a large percentage. Especially in more liberal states like New Hampshire where they will make up about half of the voters."

Scala also talked about the 2016 Republican nomination race in which Donald Trump and Ted Cruz are in first and second place while the more moderate candidates like Jeb Bush and John Kasich have had little success in gaining a strong following. Scala said that if a moderate like Marco Rubio could win second place in New Hampshire or Iowa, that he might be able to eventually weed out the more anti-establishment can-

didates. Once moderate voters see a stronger candidate, that's when they will make their decision about who they think should represent the Republican Party come November.

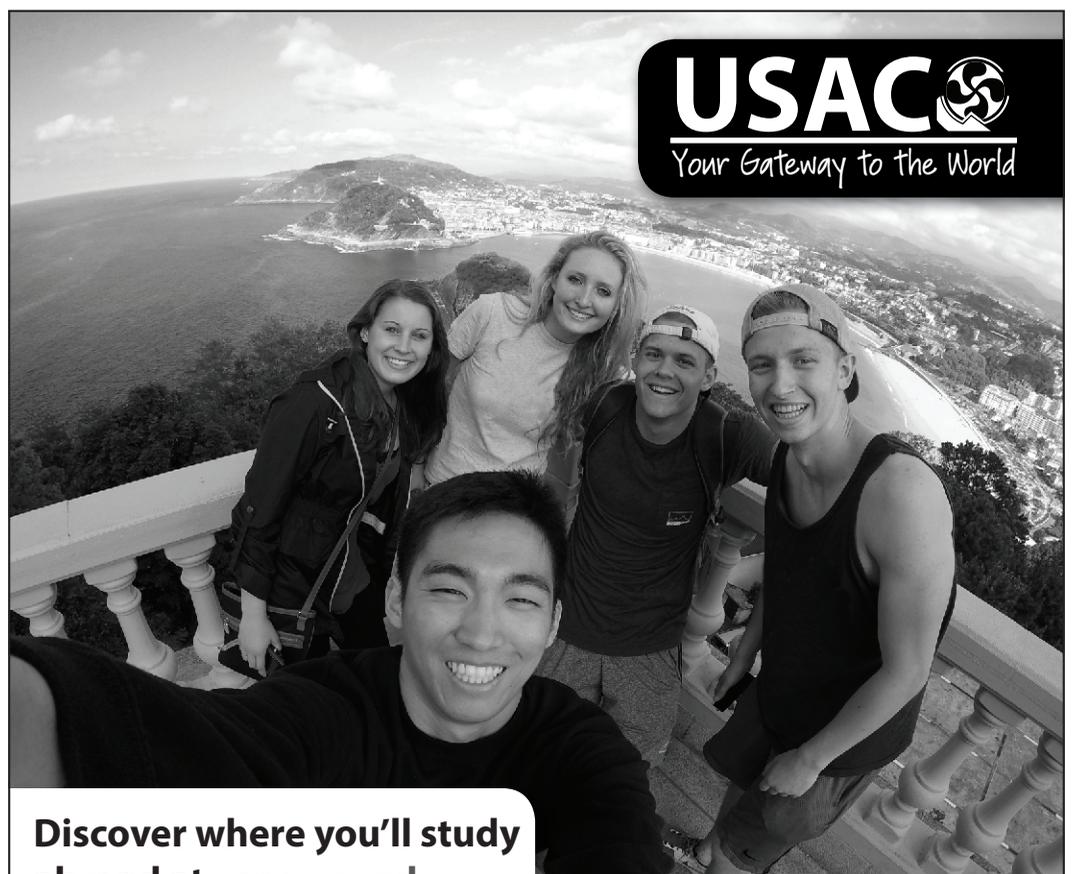
Scala said that Donald Trump has made a mess of the nomination process in that he is very difficult to place on the spectrum of ideology. In other words, Trump is not a moderate or very conservative. Trump, as Scala described him, is a big government conservative. Although he may have some extreme views on immigration, he doesn't have any plans to privatize social security. Scala said that Trump sounds like a conservative, but his policies show otherwise.

The biggest things to keep in mind about the Republican Party and more importantly its voters, according to Scala, "The conservative party doesn't always elect the conservative candidate. Republicans do in fact disagree amongst themselves. There is a divide in the party between the religious and the less religious who believe in keeping religion out of the politics. The big takeaway is that Republicans are more diverse than people might think."

Republican voters will go out this week for the Iowa caucus and then next Tuesday, New Hampshire will fulfill its role as the first-in-the-nation primary.

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Report shows reduction in greenhouse gas emissions

By **KYLE KITTREDGE**
STAFFWRITER

Trends are the hottest thing at the moment and trending now is how carbon emissions from colleges and universities have declined 13 percent per square foot between 2007 and 2014.

The UNH Sustainability Institute collaborated with Sightlines, a company that “helps universities better manage their facilities investments,” according to its website, and produced The State of Sustainability in Higher Education, a report on energy usage from a total of 343 U.S. colleges and universities.

UNH has seen its carbon emissions considerably reduced compared to other schools, “38 percent per square foot since 2007 — than the national average,” cited in the report.

Also, cited was an “absolute decline in emissions was significantly smaller, with a 36 percent reduction in total greenhouse gas emissions,” at UNH.

“At UNH, two factors to cutting carbon emissions included the cogeneration plant and the EcoLine,” said Jennifer Andrews, project manager at the Sustain-

ability Institute.

“Cogeneration is producing heat and power instead of just one thing, producing two things using the exact same fuel,” Andrews said.

“EcoLine was a way to bring fuel to campus that had been purely wasted before. We were asked by the state to quell the gas coming from landfills and transform it chemically to carbon dioxide, instead of burning it,” Andrews explained, “so the gas was used to power the cogeneration plant.”

The data of the report was analyzed using the Campus Carbon Calculator (CCC), which was created by UNH and Sight-

lines. “We also made it online, called the CarbonMAP, to be more user-friendly and be able to track schools easily,” Andrews added.

“There has been so much tension in higher education in leaders in climate change, so we said ‘hey if we can improve the tool, put all data in one place, what we are doing well, and aren’t doing well, it would be really useful,’” Andrews said.

The CCC is now the pre-

ferred tool for calculating college and university levels of emissions, being used by “more than 550 North American campuses to measure energy use and emission levels,” according to the UNH-Sightlines report.

However, the report’s data says that, “since 2007, the amount of space built on campuses has increased 10 percent. During the same time period, enrollment increased 7 percent.”

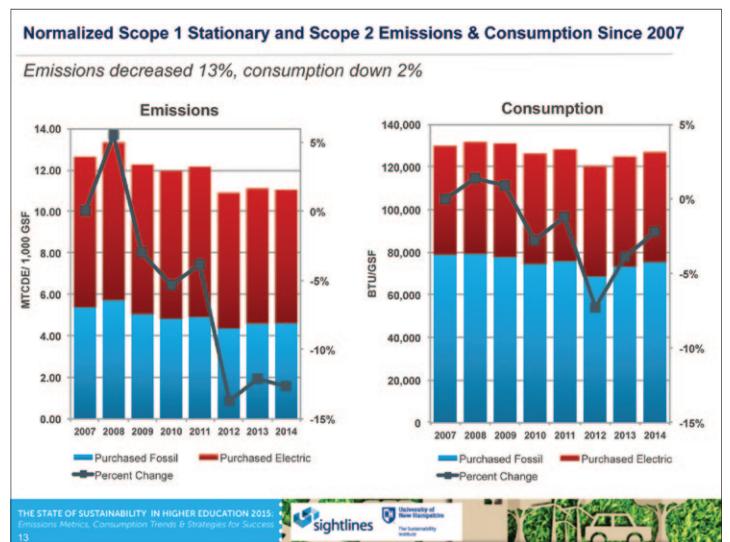
As enrollment trends currently decrease, campuses have more space, thus obtaining more buildings to consume energy, with fewer students to fill it.

An increase in space is not the only factor that contributes to carbon emissions.

Buildings with an older age profile are more likely to spend more to keep up consumption.

The report suggests, “campuses with aging buildings need to invest at higher levels to maintain the same level of efficiency for their systems.”

While emissions levels are being monitored and technologies being used to enable cleaner energy, some states have poor energy efficiency policies that make it harder to monitor emissions.



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This graph from the Campus Carbon Calculator (CCC) was created by UNH and Sightlines. It shows a decrease in emission overtime.

Fortunately, “The American Council for an Energy-Efficiency Economy (ACEEE) produces a yearly scorecard that ranks states based on the strength of their energy efficiency policy,” also included in the UNH-Sightlines report.

States with stronger policies will have fewer emissions. New Hampshire was ranked No. 22 out of the U.S. and is the low-

est in New England, based on the ACEEE’s data in the report.

However, Andrews added, “UNH’s goal is to reduce 50 [percent] of its carbon emissions by 2020 and that a lot of it comes down to awareness.”

“While the report is a hopeful example for others, overall, we still have a ways to go,” Andrews said.

Wal-Mart worker who claimed gender bias awarded \$31 million

CONCORD — A jury has awarded more than \$31 million in damages to a former Wal-Mart pharmacist in New Hampshire who claimed she was wrongly fired after reporting safety concerns about co-workers dispensing prescriptions.

Maureen McPadden was a 13-year employee who reported her concerns to management while working in Wal-Mart’s Seabrook pharmacy. She was fired in 2012 after losing her pharmacy key.

The jury awarded most of the money Thursday based on gender discrimination claims, but also found Wal-Mart’s conduct was retaliation for her complaints about safety issues and/or privacy violations.

McPadden, 51, said she was confident she would prevail even before the jury announced its verdicts after about three hours of deliberations.

“I honestly feel the jurors listened intently,” she told The Associated Press. “I really feel they wanted to send a message that the little guy has a voice, that Wal-Mart did something wrong.”

Randy Hargrove, director of media relations nationally the Bentonville, Arkansas-based company, said Wal-Mart will ask the court to set aside the verdict or

reduce the damages.

“We do not tolerate discrimination of any type and neither that nor any concerns Ms. McPadden raised about her store’s pharmacy played a role in her dismissal,” Hargrove said.

McPadden testified that she was disciplined twice in the year before her termination because pharmacy technicians did not file required reports on two occasions.

Her lawyers, Richard Fradette and Lauren Irwin, said a male pharmacist at a Wal-Mart in Plaistow, New Hampshire, who lost a pharmacy key within the year after McPadden was terminated, was disciplined, but not fired.

McPadden said her mother and sister at times urged her to give up and move on in the three years leading up to trial, but said she was inspired by her late father to persevere.

“My father always told me that my job was very, very important and that I had a real duty to keep my patients safe,” she said. “The conditions in the pharmacy were not safe. It was really in my soul to do something about it.”

This story has been corrected to show that McPadden worked for Wal-Mart for 13 years, not 18 years.

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Clean energy effort moves forward with New England proposals

By **DAVID SHARP**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut have dozens of proposals to consider as they look for enough additional electricity for tens of thousands of homes to meet their clean energy goals.

All told, 51 proposals need to be vetted in coming months as the three states look to sign long-term contracts for electricity from wind turbines, dams and solar projects, said Matthew Beaton, secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

"There's a lot of competition out there and that's exactly what we were trying to accomplish," Beaton said. "It's a very encouraging sign to see such interest."

The three states are seeking up to 600 megawatts of power, roughly the amount of electricity once produced by the now-defunct Vermont Yankee Power.

The proposals were submitted Thursday and will be made public in the coming days.

The timeline calls for a selection of winning bids by late July. Then the winning proposals would be submitted for regulatory approval this year.

Several proposals call for wind power from northern New England, with infrastructure projects that could create hundreds of jobs and pump millions of dollars into the economy.

"If you're looking to build wind in Maine, you're going to need long-term contracts of this sort, so this is the next infusion to get more wind built," said Tim

Schneider, the state's public advocate.

The three-state effort is one of several ways New England states are trying to reduce greenhouse emissions, ensure ample energy supply and lower energy costs.

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker is advocating for an even larger proposal — for between 1,200 and 2,400 megawatts of electricity — by tapping into Canada's ample hydropower supply for New England. There also are several proposals to bolster the natural gas pipeline system in New England to eliminate bottlenecks. Then there's the proposed Cape Wind Project off the coast of Massachusetts.

The latest plan by the three states called for both long-term power contracts needed to get

new wind projects moving along with improvements to ensure there are pipelines to get the energy from rural areas to the regional power grid.

In Maine, there were at least two different proposals, one from Central Maine Power and another in which Central Maine Power and Emera Maine are collaborating.

Another proposal called "The Wind and Hydro Response" calls for a partnership between renewable energy operator Invenergy and developers of the proposed Vermont Green Line, which calls an underground power cable beneath the waters of Lake Champlain.

The projects would be funded by electric ratepayers in the three southern New England states that initiated the process.

NH Brief

Taking steps to prepare for Zika virus

CONCORD — Gov. Maggie Smith and public health and emergency management officials are taking steps to prepare for the Zika virus, even though there's no immediate threat to New Hampshire residents.

State public health officials are working with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to enhance the state Public Health Laboratories testing capabilities, protocols and certifications for Zika and coordinating with medical providers and infectious disease clinicians across the state.

The Department of Health and Human Services also has launched a Zika website for public access to resources and information about the virus.

The virus outbreak has been localized in Southern and Central America. On Thursday, health officials said the number of U.S. residents diagnosed with Zika infections in the past year has grown to 31.

Teen suspect in hold-up arrested in VT

BARNET, Vt. — Authorities say a teen held up a store at gunpoint in New Hampshire early Saturday before leading Vermont police on a high-speed chase.

New Hampshire State Police say the robbery took place shortly after midnight Saturday at a store at a rest stop off Interstate-93 in Hookset and the suspect was identified as a missing 17-year-old from Bow, N.H.

Vermont State Police say they took the same teen into custody later Saturday following a chase that spanned about 30 miles on Interstate-91. Authorities say the teen was driving a Ryder rental van that was stolen earlier in the day in New Hampshire.

The teen hasn't been identified. He's facing charges in Vermont and has been turned over to New Hampshire State Police. It's not known if he has a lawyer.

NH police: Massachusetts man clocked at 116 mph in Ashland

ASHLAND — New Hampshire state police say they clocked a Massachusetts man driving at 116 mph on Interstate 93 northbound in Ashland Sunday morning.

Authorities say 19-year-old Andrew Tham of Middleton, Massachusetts, was charged with reckless operation after the 7 a.m. stop.

Police say Tham drove past two troopers parked in a crossover in Ashland so fast that the wind caused both cruisers to shake. The speed limit on that stretch of highway is 70 mph. Tham was driving a 2016 Subaru Forester.

Tham is due in Plymouth District Court on March 24.

New rail link to Maine waterfront to revive port

By **TOM BELL**
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PORTLAND, Maine — Freight trains are rolling through New England carrying the first-ever shipping containers loaded on the Portland waterfront. The new train service is the product of years of planning and millions in public and private investment, with the goal of connecting this once-thriving port by rail with freight customers throughout North America.

State officials see the rail link as key to reviving the port, which was among the largest on the East Coast a century ago but had fallen in past decades to a near-dormant state, losing business to larger ports.

Stuck at the end of the nation's supply line, Maine has struggled with higher transporta-

tion bills, which make manufacturing less competitive and increase costs for consumers.

The LePage administration has been trying to change those dynamics, first in 2013 by luring Eimskip, an Icelandic shipping company, to carry containerized cargo between Portland and Europe, and then by expanding the Portland container terminal. The state spent \$29 million in state and federal money to modernize the terminal and expand it by about 1,500 feet to reach the end of the rail line, which previously had only carried bulk cargo, like rolls of paper, to and from the port.

The opening of the rail link is an historic moment for the port, said Jack Humeniuk, vice president of the Portland Longshoremen's Benevolent Association, whose members loaded the con-

tainers onto flat rail cars. "We're not looking at Maine as being at the end of the transportation trail, but as the front door to a different part of the world."

The new facility allows containers to be moved between ships and trains, and also between trucks and trains.

Pan Am Railways began the service Friday, hauling Poland Springs bottled water packed in blue Eimskip containers. This is the first phase of a pilot project. Three days a week — Friday, Saturday and Sunday — a train carrying 15 containers of bottle water will travel to Ayer, Massachusetts. There, the containers will be put on trucks and delivered to nearby wholesale suppliers.

Until now, Maine companies that lack rail access had to truck containers to terminals in Ayer and Worcester, Massachu-

setts. It's generally cheaper to move heavier cargo by train than by truck, because more can be moved at one time with lower fuel costs and fewer workers.

Because Pan Am trains will carry containers delivered by both truck and by ship, it will have enough volume to support regular service to Portland, Humeniuk said.

Chop Hardenbergh, editor of Atlantic Northeast Rails & Ports, a trade publication, said he is skeptical the new terminal will be successful. He said he has seen others in Maine fail because there hasn't been enough demand to make the operations economical.

"The big unknown is what Eimskip can bring to this," he said. "Can Eimskip add enough volume so Pan Am will say it's worthwhile to run a train?"

David Bowie wanted ashes scattered in Bali

STAFF REPORT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Rock legend David Bowie wanted his ashes scattered in Bali "in accordance with the Buddhist rituals," and he left most of his estate to his two children and his widow, the supermodel Iman, according to his will filed Friday in Manhattan.

The 20-page document, filed under his legal name David Robert Jones, said the estate was worth about \$100 million, but didn't break down the finances.

The "Fame" singer left his SoHo home he shared with Iman to her, and half of the rest of his worth. His son Duncan Jones

from a previous marriage received 25 percent and his daughter Alexandria also received 25 percent as well as his Ulster County mountain home. Bowie left \$2 million to his longtime personal assistant Corinne Schwab and left her shares he owned in a company called Opposum Inc. He left \$1 million to Marion Skene, Alexandria's nanny.

The chameleon-like star transformed the sound — and the look — of rock with his audacious creativity and his sexually ambiguous makeup and costumes. His hits included "Space Oddity," "Golden Years," "Heroes" and "Let's Dance." He had

cancer about 18 months before he died Jan. 10. He was 69.

Bowie prepared the will in 2004. He said if cremation in the Indonesian island was "not practical" then he wanted his remains cremated and his ashes scattered there still. According to the death certificate, filed with the will, his body was cremated Jan. 12 in New Jersey.

Long before alter egos and wild outfits became commonplace in pop, Bowie turned the music world upside down with the release of the 1972 album, "The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars," which introduced one of music's most famous personas.

"Ziggy Stardust" was a concept album that imagined a rock star from outer space trying to make his way in the music world.

Bowie re-imagined himself over and over again with personas like the "Thin White Duke" and "Aladdin Sane." Two weeks ago, his new album "Blackstar" was released. It topped the U.S. iTunes albums chart. An off-Broadway musical created by Bowie called "Lazarus" is currently playing, and stars Michael C. Hall.

This story has been revised to correct the spelling of Bowie's daughter's first name to Alexandria.

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Over 1 million face loss of food aid over work requirements

By **DAVID A. LIEB**
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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — More than 1 million low-income residents in 21 states could soon lose their government food stamps if they fail to meet work requirements that began kicking in this month.

The rule change in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program was triggered by the improving economy — specifically, falling unemployment. But it is raising concerns among the poor, social service providers and food pantry workers, who fear an influx of hungry people.

Recent experience in other states indicates that most of those affected will probably not meet the work requirements and will be cut off from food stamps.

For many people, “it means less food, less adequate nutrition. And over the span of time, that can certainly have an impact on health — and the health care system,” said Dave Krepcho, president and chief executive of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida.

Advocates say some adults trying to find work face a host of obstacles, including criminal records, disabilities or lack of a driver’s license.

The work-for-food requirements were first enacted under the 1996 welfare reform law signed by President Bill Clinton and sponsored by then-Rep. John Kasich, who is now Ohio’s governor and a Republican candidate for president.

The provision applies to able-bodied adults ages 18 through 49 who have no children or other dependents in their home. It requires them to work, volunteer or attend education or job-training courses at least 80 hours a month to receive food aid. If they don’t, their benefits

are cut off after three months.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture can waive those work rules, either for entire states or certain counties and communities, when unemployment is high and jobs are scarce. Nearly every state was granted a waiver during the recession that began in 2008. But statewide waivers ended this month in at least 21 states, the largest group since the recession.

An Associated Press analysis of food aid figures shows that nearly 1.1 million adults stand to lose their benefits in those 21 states if they do not get a job or an exemption. That includes about 300,000 in Florida, 150,000 in Tennessee and 110,000 in North Carolina. The three states account for such a big share because they did not seek any further waivers for local communities.

In Tennessee, Terry Work said her 27-year-old deaf son recently was denied disability payments, meaning he is considered able-bodied. And that means he stands to lose his food stamps, even though she said her son has trouble keeping a job because of his deafness.

“I know there’s going to be a lot of people in the county hurt by this,” said Work, founder of Helping Hands of Hickman County, a social service agency in a community about an hour west of Nashville.

Nationwide, some 4.7 million food stamp recipients are deemed able-bodied adults without dependents, according to USDA. Only 1 in 4 has any income from a job. They receive an average of \$164 a month from the program.

In states that already have implemented the work requirements, many recipients have ended up losing their benefits.

Wisconsin began phasing in work requirements last spring. Of the 22,500 able-bodied

adults who became subject to the change between April and June, two-thirds were dropped from the rolls three months later for failing to meet the requirements.

Some states could have applied for partial waivers but chose not to do so.

North Carolina’s Republican-led government enacted a law last fall accelerating implementation of the work requirements and barring the state from seeking waivers unless there is a natural disaster. State Sen. Ralph Hise said the state was doing a disservice to the unemployed by providing them long-term food aid.

“People are developing gaps on their resumes, and it’s actually making it harder for individuals to ultimately find employment,” said Hise, a Republican who represents a rural part of western North Carolina.

In Missouri, the GOP-led Legislature overrode a veto by Democratic Gov. Jay Nixon to enact a law barring the state from waiving work requirements until at least 2019. The three-month clock started ticking Jan. 1 for 60,000 people in Missouri, where unemployment is down to just 4.4 percent.

“We were seeing a lot of people who were receiving food stamps who weren’t even trying to get a job,” said the law’s sponsor, Sen. David Sater, a Republican whose Missouri district includes the tourist destination of Branson. “I know in my area you can find a temporary job for 20 hours (a week) fairly easily. It just didn’t seem right to me to have somebody doing nothing and receiving food stamps.”

Others say it’s not that simple to find work, even with an improving economy.

Joe Heflin, 33, of Jefferson City, said he has been receiving food stamps for more than five

years, since an injury ended his steady job as an iron worker and led to mental illness during his recovery. He said he gets nearly \$200 a month in food stamps and has no other income. Heflin was recently notified that his food stamps could end if he doesn’t get a job or a disability exemption.

“I think it’s a crummy deal,” Heflin said while waiting in line at a food pantry. “I think they ought to look into individuals more, or at least hear them out. ... I depend on it, you know, to eat.”

Policymakers often “don’t realize a lot of the struggles those individuals are dealing with,” said Mariana Chilton, director of the Center for Hunger-Free Communities at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Some are dealing with trauma from military service or exposure to violence and abuse, Chilton said. Others have recently gotten out of prison, making employers hesitant to hire them. Some adults who are considered able-bodied nonetheless have physical or mental problems.

A study of 4,145 food stamp recipients in Franklin County, Ohio, who became subject to work requirements between December 2013 and February 2015 found that more than 30 percent said they had physical or mental limitations that affected their ability to work. A similar percentage had no high school diploma or equivalency degree. And 61 percent lacked a driver’s license.

“There should have been more thought on how we look at employment and not thinking that people are sitting there, getting food stamps because they are lazy and don’t want to work,” said Octavia Rainey, a community activist in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Some states have programs to help food stamp recipients improve their job skills. Elsewhere, it’s up to individuals to find pro-

grams run by nonprofit groups or by other state agencies. Sometimes, that can be daunting.

Rainey said people who received letters informing them they could lose their food stamps sometimes were placed on hold when they called for more information — a problem for those using prepaid calling cards. And in Florida, food aid recipients received letters directing them to a state website for information.

“A lot of these folks, they don’t have computers, they don’t have broadband access,” said Krepcho, the Central Florida food bank executive. “That’s ripe for people falling off the rolls.”

Associated Press reporters Jonathan Drew in Raleigh, North Carolina, Travis Loller in Nashville, Tennessee, and Greg Moore in Milwaukee contributed to this report.

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‘Leave us alone’ - people in Oregon town tired of standoff

By **NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS**
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BURNS, Ore. — Activists are urging people who oppose a “militarized police presence” in Burns, Oregon, to converge on the small high desert town near a wildlife refuge that has been occupied by an armed group for a month.

The Pacific Patriots Network organized a rolling rally through the town Saturday night, and said it planned more demonstrations to protest the killing of one occupier last week, and the presence of numerous heavily armed law enforcement officers at the standoff.

“Our goal is to show the country that this county does support what is going on,” said B.J. Soper a Burns resident and organizer of the rally that drew more than 100 people and doz-

ens of U.S. and Confederate flag-covered vehicles.

A lone woman showed up to oppose the rally. Jen Hoke of Burns carried a sign saying “Militia Go Home.” “These people are spreading a message of hate,” Hoke said.

Meanwhile, the four people occupying the wildlife refuge held their position Sunday. They have demanded that they be allowed to leave without being arrested. The jailed group’s leader, Ammon Bundy, and 10 others who were arrested earlier in the week remained in custody.

Through his lawyer, Bundy on Saturday again called on the remaining occupiers to leave.

The FBI has said it’s trying to resolve the situation peacefully.

While the standoff that originated over federal land-use policies has led to filled-up hotels and restaurants as police, pro-

testers and media have flocked to the area, locals say the conflict is upsetting and pitting neighbor against neighbor.

Authorities say Bundy, the leader of the group that seized the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, and others used the social media and other platforms to summon recruits to join their takeover.

Court documents against the 11 occupiers under arrest show FBI agents have scrutinized social media postings, interviews and online talk shows that have been made during the standoff that began Jan. 2.

Bundy and several other jailed leaders appeared Friday in federal court in Portland, where a judge denied their release. U.S. Magistrate Judge Stacie Beckerman said Bundy, his brother Ryan Bundy and Ryan Payne pose a danger to the community, and she is concerned they would

not follow orders to return to Oregon for criminal proceedings.

The only woman arrested so far in the standoff, Shawna Cox, will be allowed to go home while her case makes its way through the court system. But Beckerman said that won’t happen until after the armed occupation ends.

Court documents detail some of the evidence against the occupiers. The charges against the defendants say the refuge’s 16 employees have been prevented from reporting to work because of threats of violence.

A criminal complaint filed earlier this week makes reference to an online video that showed Bundy saying the group planned to stay for several years. He called on people to “come out here and stand,” adding: “We need you to bring your arms.”

Robert “LaVoy” Finicum, the group’s spokesman, was killed Tuesday night in a con-

frontation with the FBI and Oregon State Police on a remote road. Bundy and four others were arrested during the encounter.

People at the rolling rally held up pictures of Finicum on Saturday, and demanded justice.

The FBI on Thursday released a video showing Finicum’s death, to counter claims he did nothing to provoke his killing. In the aerial video, Finicum is pulled over in his truck but then takes off in the vehicle and plows into a snowbank because of a roadblock. He gets out and has his hands up at first, then appears to reach toward his jacket pocket at least twice. He is shot and falls to the snow.

The FBI said a loaded handgun was found in the pocket.

Ridler reported from Boise, Idaho.

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Massive fire destroys Lexington stockyard, many businesses

By **ADAM BEAM**
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LEXINGTON, Ky. — A massive fire destroyed a 70-year-old beef cattle auction business in Lexington on Saturday, churning up a plume of thick, black smoke that darkened the skies for miles as the wind-whipped flames consumed several nearby businesses.

No one was injured in the fire that destroyed seven acres of the stockyards operated by the Blue Grass Livestock Marketing Group. But Chief Operating Officer Jim Akers said he did not see how the 20 beef cattle in the facility could have survived.

Firefighters were alerted to the fire at 2:20 p.m. and quickly called for backup as the smoke billowed through the streets near busy Leestown Road. Fire officials warned anyone living within a half mile of the fire to stay inside and turn off their heating and air conditioning units to keep the smoke out of their homes.

At least 120 firefighters battled the blaze for several hours Saturday afternoon in a wooden structure that Interim Fire Chief Harold Hoskins compared to “a standing lumber yard.”

“It’s just a lot of wood, a lot of combustibles. It’s been here forever, so it’s dried out and it’s

ready to burn,” Hoskins said. “The wind is what caused it to cross the street.”

Hoskins said several businesses were destroyed over one city block, including several vehicles parked at a towing company that exploded during the worst of the blaze.

“Flames were everywhere,” said Steven Parrot, who lives nearby and was walking down Leestown Road with his shirt pulled over his nose to shield him from the smoke. “It was big even before the firefighters got there.”

Hoskins said he does not know how the fire started. He said investigators were interview-

ing witnesses to figure out what happened. Akers said about six employees were working at the stockyards when an employee driving a Bobcat first noticed the smoke. He said the company would continue operations at its other locations in Mount Sterling and Stanford, but he did not know if the Lexington site would be rebuilt.

“I’d like for the smoke to clear at least to see what the situation is,” he said.

Hoskins said it was the largest fire he has seen in his 33 years with the fire department. Lexington Mayor Jim Gray called it a significant loss for the city.

“It’s been an historic member of our community for a very long time,” Gray said.

Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said later that it was a “sad day” for Kentucky’s agricultural community following the loss of what he called one of the leading cattle sales sites in the eastern U.S.

“A historic piece of Kentucky agriculture has been lost, but we are thankful to hear that all stockyard employees escaped the blaze without injury,” Quarles said in a statement, pledging government assistance to help the business surmount the loss and continue its operations.

Decades-long search for ‘Mr. Wonder’ ends with arrest

By **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BONITA, Calif. — Neighbors in a well-to-do section of this San Diego suburb knew him as Frank Szeles, a friendly Cub Scouts leader who frequently gave swimming lessons to young children in his backyard pool.

The federal agents who arrested him last week knew him by a different name: “Mr. Wonder,” the host of a popular children’s television show who vanished decades ago amid allegations that he sexually abused several kids during a camping retreat in central Louisiana.

The man who faced a San Diego judge Wednesday denied he is the 76-year-old fugitive named Frank John Selas III who allegedly fled to Brazil in 1979 after Louisiana authorities secured a warrant for his arrest.

Back in Louisiana, Rapides Parish Sheriff’s Office investigators are convinced the right man is in custody. Meanwhile, officials in California are suddenly facing fears that Selas could have preyed on other children during the 37 years that he eluded capture.

“It’s absolutely shocking the level of access that this guy had to children, even now,” said Steve Jurman, supervisory deputy U.S. marshal in San Diego. “If there’s a playbook for pedophiles, he checked off every single box.”

Jurman said Selas had moved to California by 1985 and legally changed his last name to Szeles in 1992. Investigators in Louisiana believe Selas lived in other places — including Chicago; Darien, Connecticut; South Royalton, Vermont; and Sheffield, Massachusetts — after he returned from South America in the early 1980s.

Although no reports of other victims have surfaced outside Louisiana, some see an alarming pattern of behavior that followed the fugitive suspect to the community near the Mexican border where he lived with his wife.

Szeles’ family was in court Wednesday but didn’t speak with reporters. Defense attorney Marc Carlos read a statement from the family describing him as “well-loved, respected and supported by his family and friends and the community here in San Diego.”

The man known as Szeles once served as a Cub Scouts pack leader in Bonita but was removed from the position several years ago for failing to comply with the organization’s “youth protection policies and procedures,” the Boy Scouts of America said in a statement. The statement says a parent had made an unspecified complaint that didn’t relate to scouting.

Szeles also was removed from “all positions related to children” at his Mormon congregation in San Diego for failing to comply with the church’s “child protection policies,” according to Eric Hawkins, a Utah-based spokesman for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

“When a parent later expressed a generalized concern about his behavior toward a child, the church urged the parent to report this to authorities,” Hawkins said in an email to The Associated Press.

A company called Szeles Enterprises organized Cub Scouts day camps, swimming lessons and Saturday field trips to boys as young as 5. Jurman said investigators are confident the website belongs to the suspect.

The Chula Vista Elementary School District is reviewing whether Szeles had connections with any of its 45 schools, which enroll roughly 30,000 students. A flier promoting Szeles Enterprises’ programs for kids said the district was distributing it “as a public service.”

“To have someone with this alleged background literally in our backyard is a concern,” said school district spokesman Anthony Millican.

Selas’ former co-workers at KNOE-TV in north Louisiana remember him as a strange, stand-offish man who didn’t fit in at the Monroe-based station, but nobody saw any sinister motives behind his “Mr. Wonder” creation.

Former co-workers said the station owner who hired Selas in 1977 met him on an airplane and offered him a job without checking his credentials, which supposedly included a stint at an Oklahoma television station.

Selas initially worked as a news anchor, but the experiment only lasted a few days. Former KNOE employee Tom Cole said

viewers flooded the station with calls to complain about Selas’ high-pitched, awkward delivery of the news.

“He was horrible,” Cole recalls.

But his children’s show was a hit. It started as a weekly program but went daily as its popularity grew.

Often wearing a top hat and tuxedo coat, Selas presided over races and other contests between teams of children bused to the station from local schools. He

“I was very surprised (by the arrest), but it’s not totally out of the question because when you have someone who associates with children a lot you never know.”

Earl Hilton, now Rapides Parish’s elected sheriff. Hilton recently asked the U.S. Marshals Service to take a fresh look at finding Selas. They found the man known as Szeles in California about two weeks ago.

Frank Szeles lived for years in a well-heeled section of Bonita.

Neighbors said parents frequently took their children to Szeles’ large cul-de-sac house for swimming lessons. Haywood Gammon, who lives next door and knew Szeles and his wife

Haywood Gammon
Neighbor

even served as grand marshal of a Christmas parade.

“All the kids wanted to be on it,” said Gary Miers, who started working at KNOE as a radio disc jockey in 1979.

The popularity of Selas’ on-air persona didn’t extend to his co-workers.

“He was very odd,” Cole said. “Nobody could stand him.”

Cole said the station didn’t sponsor the children’s camping trip that Selas organized in June 1979, but it allowed him to promote it during his show.

Investigators claim Selas sexually abused at least seven children during the camping trip to Kisatchie National Forest in central Louisiana. After parents complained about the alleged abuse, Rapides Parish authorities obtained a warrant for his arrest on two counts of obscene behavior with a juvenile.

He apparently planned other such trips. A flier for “Camping Weekends with Mr. Wonder” said some trips would only be for boys between 5 and 11 years old, but “Mrs. Wonder” would help supervise other co-ed trips.

After he disappeared, Selas’ wife told investigators that her husband fled in a car that later turned up in a Dallas suburb, according to the sheriff’s office.

One of the detectives assigned to the case was William

since 1999, said children visited Szeles’ home throughout the summer.

Gammon said his neighbor was friendly and quick to shake hands.

“My main interaction was throwing the plastic balls over the fence” when they strayed off Szeles’ property, he said.

The website for Szeles Enterprises touts the owner’s experience teaching grades one through six overseas, coaching sports, teaching Sunday school and being PTA president at an elementary school less than three miles from his house. The ad, dated 2013, says the activities are for boys ages 5 to 11.

The website says the company’s owner and his wife have four children and nine grandchildren.

Neighbors said they had no suspicions over the years.

“I was very surprised (by the arrest), but it’s not totally out of the question because when you have someone who associates with children a lot you never know,” Gammon said.

No one answered the door at Szeles’ home on Wednesday.

The marshals found a Cub Scouts cap in the suspect’s house when they arrested him without incident Monday. Jurman said Selas acknowledged to authorities that he changed his name. Carlos, the defense attorney, said the al-

legations were “a shock to everyone.”

He said the family told him other adults were present when Szeles was with children. As for the Mormon church’s decision to remove him from contact with children, Carlos said the allegations couldn’t have been serious enough for the church to notify police.

Rapides Parish investigators believe Darien is Selas’ hometown, but Darien Police Sgt. Jeremiah Marron said he couldn’t find any records related to Selas or any of the other names attributed to him.

“I asked our most veteran officers if they knew anything and the consensus was that they had never heard of him,” Marron wrote in an email.

The man believed to be Selas remains in jail without bail in San Diego. He is due in court Feb. 11 for a hearing to establish his identity. In the meantime, Louisiana authorities are reviving a long-dormant investigation.

The Rapides Parish sheriff said his detectives have spoken to some of Selas’ alleged victims from the 1979 camping trip and they are willing to testify.

“It’s been a long road and it’s not nearly over,” Hilton said.

Kunzelman reported from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



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Hope for answers as release of Amtrak crash evidence nears

By **MICHAEL R. SISAK**
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PHILADELPHIA — Eight months after a deadly Amtrak derailment, federal investigators are poised to release evidence and reports that could help clear up the mystery of why the train streaked into a sharp curve at double the speed limit.

The release, expected Monday, will be the first major development in the investigation since a preliminary report a few weeks after the May 12 crash in which the National Transportation Safety Board pinpointed excessive speed as a key factor. A final report isn't expected for months.

The train was accelerating out of an 80 mph speed zone when it should have been slowing to 50 mph for the coming curve, investigators said. It reached 106 mph just before the engineer activated emergency brakes.

David Hernandez, who lives near the tracks, said the crashing train sounded like shopping carts smashing together.

"They go so fast up there," Hernandez said.

But why, with more than 300 northbound Amtrak trains safely navigating the curve every week and scores more from Philadelphia's commuter rail, did Train 188 speed to a derailment that left eight dead and more than 200 injured?

In the absence of an official conclusion, several theories have emerged.

Early in the investigation, the NTSB focused on whether the train had been hit with a rock or other projectile minutes before the crash. The left-side of the locomotive's windshield had a grapefruit-sized fracture. The operator of a commuter train running along the same tracks reported being hit and passengers on another Amtrak train said something struck their train.

Did that startle Train 188's engineer, Brandon Bostian?

Did Bostian, who encountered exhausting mechanical problems on his earlier trip from New York to Washington and a shorter than expected break, lose track of where he was?

The NTSB said Bostian's cellphone wasn't in use, but could

he have been using a burner cellphone to get around a ban, as has happened in some cases?

Or, perhaps the ACS-64 locomotive — far more powerful than the other model primarily used on the Northeast Corridor — accelerated faster than Bostian, who had only been on the route for several weeks, anticipated.

"The only person that really knows for sure is the guy who was sitting in the cab of that locomotive," said David B. Clarke, a railroad expert at the University of Tennessee.

Even that may not be the case: A few days after the crash, the 32-year-old Bostian told the NTSB he did not recall anything after ringing the train's bell as he passed through the North Philadelphia station about three miles before the curve.

Bostian's lawyer, Robert Goggin, offered a different account the day after the crash, telling ABC News that Bostian recalled that the train was "pulling into speed-restricted track" but did not remember activating the emergency brake. He said

Bostian wasn't under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Goggin has not returned repeated messages from The Associated Press.

Bostian, regarded by friends for his safety-mindedness and love of railroading, is on unpaid leave from Amtrak.

The Associated Press visited Bostian at his parents' vacation home in Arkansas in late December. He said he couldn't speak about the accident while the investigation was pending, citing instructions from a lawyer.

Amtrak installed an automatic speed control at the Philadelphia curve within days of the derailment, as it had in Boston in 1990 after a train entered a 30 mph curve near Back Bay Station at 76 mph and derailed into a commuter train. The railroad has since enabled speed technology for all but a small portion of the 450-mile Northeast Corridor.

The lack of clarity on what caused the Philadelphia train to speed has frustrated crash victims, some of whom have racked up more than \$1 million in hospital bills and are continuing to

rehabilitate from injuries.

The train's conductor, Emilio Fonseca, was in the bathroom of the first passenger car — turned into a mangled husk by the derailment — and suffered a deep head wound and broken bones along with significant emotional trauma that may keep him from returning to work.

Chef Eli Kulp, made a quadriplegic by the crash, has had to adjust to the "new normal" of life in a wheelchair, said his lawyer, Benedict Morelli.

They are among dozens of victims suing Amtrak for a share of \$295 million in damages, raised by Congress last month from \$200 million. Amtrak has conceded responsibility for the crash, but the cases likely won't be settled until after the NTSB investigation is complete — leaving victims on the hook for medical costs until then while they grapple for answers.

"When you get on a train, you think, 'get off the train,'" said Morelli. "You never think, 'get on the train, go to the hospital,' or 'get on the train, go to the morgue.'"

Water crisis spurs calls to change Michigan open-records law

By **DAVID EGGERT**
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LANSING, Mich. — Under fire for his administration's role in Flint's lead-tainted water emergency, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder did something that would be legally required in most other states by releasing his government emails related to the crisis.

He did not release them all, however.

The 274 pages cover 2014 and 2015, including an 18-month period during which the city switched its water source to the Flint River while under state financial management until it reconnected to Detroit's system because of lead contamination blamed on state regulatory failures. Snyder withheld the emails of everyone else in the 70-person executive office along with his own emails from his first three years in office.

Also left out were an unknown number of messages the public sent to the governor's office about Flint water through the state website and his staff's responses.

Michigan is one of two states to wholly exempt the governor's office from public-records requests. Some others exempt their governor's "working papers," which can include memos and correspondence.

The emergency in Flint has reinvigorated efforts to subject the governor to the state's Freedom of Information Act. Michigan also is among a minority of states where individual lawmakers are exempt.

Snyder, who has apologized

for the disaster and his administration's mistakes, has said he did not clearly know the full extent of the water's danger until around Oct. 1, when state health officials confirmed elevated blood-lead levels in children after doubting outside experts. Democrats want the Republican to release emails from 2012 and 2013, when emergency managers he appointed to run the city considered and approved the water switch.

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They say that given other issues with the water — boil-water advisories, high levels of a disinfectant byproduct, complaints about smell and taste, and a General Motors plant's decision to no longer use it because of rust — it is unlikely that Snyder did not know earlier about its potential risks.

"In order to have full accountability and transparency, we need to be able to demonstrate that beyond a shadow of a doubt. The only way we're going to be able to do that is to get access to these documents that almost in every other state the public and press would have," said Michigan Democratic Party Chairman Brandon Dillon.

As a legislator, Dillon unsuc-

cessfully pushed to expand the public records law to include the governor, lieutenant governor, legislators and their offices.

Snyder, who has rejected calls to resign over the water crisis and pledged to fix it, has called the release of his emails unprecedented.

"His emails are the most relevant. People were asking what the governor knew about the lead issue and when he became aware

The emails that Snyder did release show he was made aware of Flint's water troubles.

In October 2014, he received a memo about e-coli detections that led to boil-water advisories. The following February, an aide sent background information mentioning a Flint-area legislator's letter to Snyder warning that people "are on the verge of civil unrest." He also learned of health risks associated with long-term exposure

sure to lead and trying to turn it into a political football claiming the departments are underestimating the impacts on the populations and particularly trying to shift responsibility to the state," he wrote.

Within a week, the Snyder administration reversed course and confirmed findings that Flint's water was creating a health threat in old homes with lead pipes or pipes fused with lead solder and corroborated elevated levels of lead in blood in two local ZIP codes.

While Snyder and executive office employees are exempt from FOIA, the rest of the executive branch is not, which is why some email correspondence between his aides and other state employees has been made public. In July, Muchmore expressed concern to state health officials that Flint residents were "basically getting blown off."

The liberal good-government group Common Cause said expanding FOIA would give the public access to more than just emails, such as schedules and internal documents. Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, though, said Snyder has done a "really good job" releasing information.

"It's simply not enough to release handpicked emails that tell the public only what Governor Snyder wants them to know about the poisoning of Flint's water," Common Cause Michigan Executive Director Melanie McElroy said. "That's not accountability."

Brandon Dillon
Michigan Democratic Party Chairman

of the severity of the challenges," spokesman Dave Murray said. "The 2014-2015 emails were selected because the time period covers the years when people started raising issues about the color and odor of the water after the switch, and reveal what the governor was being told by staff members and state departments."

Asked Friday whether his office and the Legislature should be subject to FOIA, Snyder told a roomful of journalists that he would "love to have that discussion" with lawmakers. He said a broader analysis of better government transparency is underway because of Michigan's low ranking nationally, including a look at best practices elsewhere.

to the disinfectant byproducts but was told that state regulators were working with the city to address it.

Then in September, Snyder's office quietly facilitated the delivery of 1,500 kitchen filters to residents from an anonymous donor after pastors complained about water quality, according to his emails. Weeks later, after a Virginia Tech expert and local doctors raised alarms about lead contamination, Snyder's chief of staff at the time, Dennis Muchmore, told Snyder that state and federal officials could find no evidence of a major rise in lead levels.

Michigan's environmental and health agencies "feel that some in Flint are taking the very sensitive issue of children's expo-



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Corrections officer and motorcyclist group member fired gun during deadly brawl, 7 injured

By **SADIE GURMAN**
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DENVER — A Colorado Department of Corrections officer fired his gun during a week-end brawl at Denver motorcycle show that left one dead and seven others injured, an attorney said Sunday.

The corrections officer was a member of a motorcycle group made up mostly of off-duty law enforcement that, on Saturday, clashed with members of another club at the crowded Colorado Motorcycle Expo, a gathering of such groups from around the country.

The two biker groups on Sunday blamed each other for inciting the violence. Three of the wounded were hit by gunfire. Another person was stabbed and three others suffered injuries from a fistfight, police said.

The melee started when members of the Iron Order Motorcycle Club, made up of predominantly police and military, were jumped by members of the Mongols Motorcycle Club, said John C. Whitfield, an attorney representing Iron Order and a member himself.

But Las Vegas attorney Stephen Stubbs, who represents the Mongols, said it was Iron Order members who instigated the alcohol-fueled brawl by taunting them into an argument that led to the deadly shooting of a Mongols

member.

"None of the Mongols involved in the altercation had a gun, not even one of them," Stubbs told The Associated Press. Another club member was among the injured, he said.

The corrections officer fired in self-defense, Whitfield said. He would not say whether he fired the fatal shot. Prisons spokeswoman Adrienne Jacobson confirmed an employee was involved in the shooting but would not identify him. He was not in police custody as of Sunday night, Whitfield said.

Whitfield said one Iron Order member was shot, another stabbed and a third beaten.

"We don't have any issue with the Mongols," he said.

Denver police have refused to release details about what happened or identify the clubs involved. Police spokeswoman Raquel Lopez said she wasn't aware of any arrests as of Sunday night, and detectives were trying to identify more than one shooter.

Denver Health Medical Center, where the injured were being treated, said three patients remained in critical condition and three in stable condition Sunday.

The violence put new focus on Iron Order, made up mostly of police officers and military personnel, and the Mongols, recognized by law enforcement as a highly-organized criminal gang.

Members of the Mongols in Denver were charged with drug trafficking, firearms violations, witness tampering and other crimes during a nationwide racketeering investigation involving the group in 2008.

That investigation had nothing to do with the people at Saturday's show, said Stubbs, who disputed Whitfield's self-defense claim.

Iron Order had about 15 members in attendance, Whitfield said.

Stubbs said he believes Denver police are releasing few details because the Iron Order membership includes law enforcement officers.

Lopez said few details were being released because investigators were still trying to piece together what happened.

The Colorado Motorcycle Expo was being held at the National Western Complex and was scheduled to go through Sunday, but the city ordered organizers to cancel its Sunday events after the incident.

A statement posted on the event's website said it didn't have any information and apologized to vendors and patrons for any inconvenience.

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Antiquities dealer searches for lost treasure hunter and fan

By **SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN**
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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — An antiquities dealer who inspired tens of thousands to search the Rocky Mountains for \$2 million in hidden treasure now leads an increasingly desperate mission to find one of his fans.

Forrest Fenn has been flying out in chartered helicopters or planes, searching remote stretches of the upper Rio Grande for any sign of Randy Bilyeu, now missing in the wild for more than three frigid weeks. Fellow treasure hunters also are searching for Bilyeu, who was last seen on Jan. 5 while trying to solve Fenn's mystery.

"Every time we go out and don't find Randy it's discouraging but we're not going to give up," Fenn told The Associated Press. "There are still places out there that I want to look."

Fenn, an eccentric 85-year-old from Santa Fe, has inspired a cult following since his announcement several years ago that he stashed a small bronze chest containing nearly \$2 million in gold, jewelry and artifacts somewhere in the Rockies. He dropped clues to its whereabouts in a cryptic poem in his self-published memoir, "The Thrill of the Chase."

The hidden treasure has inspired thousands to search in vain through remote corners of New Mexico, Yellowstone National Park and elsewhere in the mountains. Treasure hunters share their experiences on blogs and brainstorm about the clues. The mystery has been featured by national media, igniting even more interest.

Fenn gets about 120 emails a day from people looking for his 40-pound box, and believes 65,000 people have searched for the stash, some using family vacations to venture into the woods.

"The hope of finding the treasure is one thing, of course, but there's a sense of adventure when you get out in the mountains and in the sunshine and the fresh air," Fenn explained. "One of my motives was to get the kids off the couch and away from the game machine."

But the search can be risky: Some have forded swollen creeks in Yellowstone and were rescued by rangers. A Texas woman spent a worrisome night in the New Mexico woods after being caught in the dark. Others have been cited for digging on public land, and federal managers have warned treasure hunters not to damage archaeological or biological resources.

No "Fenner" has been in a more dangerous a predicament than Bilyeu, a 54-year-old grandfather who moved to Colorado two years ago to follow this dream.

Family and friends say he bought a raft and set out on Jan. 5 after scouting for two weeks

along the river west of Santa Fe. He had a GPS device, a wetsuit and waders, and brought along his little white dog, Leo.

More than a week passed before a worried friend reached out to his ex-wife in Florida, Linda Bilyeu, who filed a missing person's report on Jan. 14. His raft and dog were found the next day.

Bilyeu left maps with markings in his car that fellow treasure hunters are using to narrow their search. He also left a sandwich, suggesting that he hadn't planned to be gone long.

The New Mexico Search and Rescue team and state police scanned canyons and mesas along the river by air and on foot, even bringing in dogs to sniff for clues, but suspended their efforts after several days.

"Unfortunately, we just don't have anything to go on right now," State Police spokeswoman Sgt. Elizabeth Armijo said. "If someone were to find clothing or footprints or just something that might be indicative of the hiker, then we would have an area to go to. But we just have not found that yet."

The treasure hunters — led by Fenn — have not given up.

"We know that Randy studied this area very well. He even noted that certain areas were dangerous when the weather was bad and he had done quite a bit of research," said Sacha Johnston, a treasure hunter helping to coordinate searches. "He wasn't just randomly kayaking down the Rio Grande one day. He knew where he was going. He had a plan."

Fenn never meant for his treasure hunt to be easy: His poem points searchers to somewhere beyond "where warm waters halt ... in the canyon down ... too far to walk ... below the home of Brown."

Getting out would be dicey as well, he wrote: "... from there it's no place for the meek/The end is ever drawing nigh/There'll be no paddle up your creek/Just heavy loads and water high."

This was all supposed to be fun, of course. Now the search for Bilyeu is taking an emotional and physical toll on Fenn, who spends his days organizing, hiring aircraft, and worrying.

His fans stand ready to admonish anyone who dares blame Fenn for Bilyeu's disappearance, saying they're all responsible adults.

Fenn, for his part, has issued plenty of warnings, along with more clues. Among them: He says there's no point to searching in winter, when snow would hide the treasure. He also said "the treasure is hidden higher than 5,000 feet above sea level," but it isn't buried, nor in a graveyard, "nor associated with any structure."

And he has no plans to reveal its location.

"There have been too many people looking," Fenn said. "It would not be fair to them if we shut the thing down."



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Rodriguez reported from San Francisco.

In Brief

U.S. Navy officer sentenced to 40 months

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Lt. Cmdr. Todd Dale Malaki told Judge Janis L. Sammartino that he regretted his actions before he was sentenced Friday in San Diego.

Malaki is among eight

defendants who have pleaded guilty to bribery charges including the case's central figure, Singapore-based executive Leonard Francis.

Prosecutors say Francis bribed Navy officials with extravagant gifts to obtain information that helped his Glenn Defense Marine Asia bilk the Navy out of at least \$20 million. Francis is awaiting sentencing.

Only one defendant is still fighting the charges.

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Attorney Stephen Stubbs says the man killed was a member of the Mongols Motorcycle Club.

Police said they have made no arrests. A Department of Corrections spokeswoman did not immediately return calls for comment.



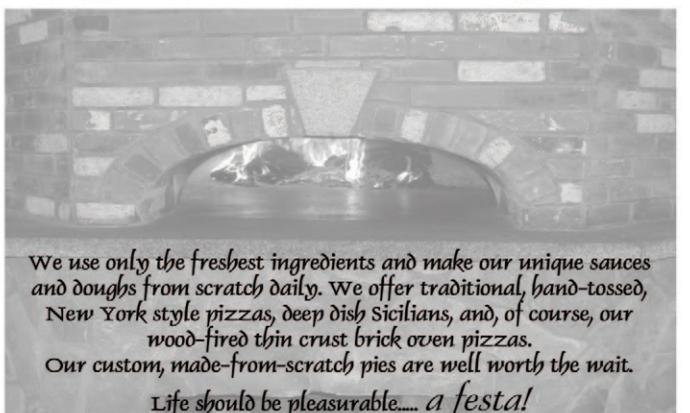
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Money in politics fight over indicted Texas attorney general

By **PAUL J. WEBER**
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AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who says he won't resign despite criminal charges of defrauding investors and a separate investigation into a profitable land deal, may soon be allowed to let supporters pay his costly legal bills.

A state ethics board is expected to decide Monday if the Republican can lean on donors to cover what will likely be a lengthy and expensive courtroom battle. Financial gifts to politicians are generally prohibited but the board is considering letting Paxton only accept money from out-of-state sources, who are less likely to have cases or business with the Texas attorney general.

But even under those restrictions, the idea is still unpalatable to critics: the state's top prosecutor taking outside dollars for the high-stakes purpose of avoiding possible prison time.

"No one is outside his jurisdiction. Christ, we just sued Volkswagen in Germany," said Craig McDonald, director of the left-leaning watchdog group Texans for Public Justice, referring to the state's lawsuit against the automaker over an emissions scandal. "The arm of the attorney general is very long."

If the Texas Ethics Commission rules the other way — and bars Paxton from letting donors pick up the check for his defense — that could force him to find another means of financing a lengthy legal battle while simultaneously running one of the nation's most high-profile attorney general offices. In March, Paxton will go before the U.S. Supreme Court to defend abortion restrictions in a case that is likely to reverberate nationally.

If the risk of Paxton being distracted or the appearance of undue influence bothers Republican leaders, they're not saying publicly.

Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick declined to comment over whether they would be OK with Paxton tapping donors to pay for his high-powered defense team. Neither has publically pressured Paxton since he was indicted in July, but they also haven't enthusiastically come to his defense.

The proposal before the Texas Ethics Commission would only allow out-of-state donors to help Paxton, but opponents say that wouldn't safeguard possible conflicts with his job.

Paxton attorney Bill Mateja, who is handling the criminal case, said he was not involved in the ethics matter, and the attorney general's office did not return messages seeking comment.

Paxton was indicted six months after taking office last year and has pleaded not guilty. He is accused of deceiving wealthy investors in 2011, when he was still a state legislator, by encouraging them to put money

into a high-tech startup called Servergy Inc. without disclosing that the company was paying him for such referrals.

He is charged with two felony counts of securities fraud. If convicted, Paxton could get a lengthy prison term.

Mateja has also confirmed that two special prosecutors are investigating a suburban Dallas land deal in which Paxton and others, including a district attorney, profited from the sale of a tract that later became the site of a county courthouse. Mateja said Paxton is cooperating and that he's confident the attorney general will be cleared of wrongdoing.

The governor cannot remove an elected official from office. Abbott, who was attorney general for 11 years before he was elected governor, has tried making tighter ethics rules a centerpiece of his early administration. He criticized legislators for watering down a package of reforms he ordered last year.

Paxton breezed into office behind the support of tea party activists and a rare endorsement from Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who called him a "tireless conservative warrior." Michael Joyce, a spokesman for the Texas Republican Party, said the state GOP chairman believes "Paxton deserves a fair trial and not a trial of public opinion." He declined further comment.

Matt Mackowiak, a Republican consultant, said Paxton isn't causing heartburn in Republican circles. "I think things are going to have to get much worse for Paxton for him to resign," he said.

Texas Democrats, who have not won an elected statewide office in more than two decades, say they don't believe the GOP will ever reach a breaking point with Paxton.

"The one party rule they've had, they don't feel they have to be accountable to anything," said Manny Garcia, executive director of the Texas Democratic Party.

How to permit the future rollout of self-driving cars?

By **JUSTIN PRITCHARD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California regulators deciding how to permit the future rollout of self-driving cars have been told by consumer advocates that their cautious approach was right on, and by companies developing the technology that the current course will delay deployment of vehicles that promise huge safety benefits.

The state's Department of Motor Vehicles heard the comments Thursday at a workshop as it wrestles with how to keep the public safe as the imperfect technology matures — but not regulate so heavily that the agency stifles development of the vehicles.

The agency sought suggestions of possible changes to a draft of precedent-setting regulations it released last month. Those regulations will govern how Californians can get the cars once companies move beyond their current testing of prototypes.

Because California has been a hotbed for the development and regulation of the technology, what happens in the state has ripple effects nationally.

What the DMV had hoped would be a technical discussion

Thursday about legal language instead drifted toward broad statements about the technology's merits.

Most vocal were advocates for the blind — a group that has not been central to the regulatory debate. Several argued the technology could change their lives, and the agency should not get in the way.

"Please don't leave my family out in the waiting room," said Jessie Lorenz, who is blind and relies on public transit to get her 4-year-old daughter to preschool. Lorenz would prefer to use a self-driving car for that — or even a "spontaneous road trip."

She said she has taken a ride in a self-driving car that Google Inc. has been developing, "and it was awesome."

DMV attorney Brian Soublet said the agency appreciates the potential benefits for disabled people, but its focus has to be on the safety of the entire motoring public.

Google wants California to clear the road for the technology — and has expressed disappointment in the DMV's draft regulations, which say self-driving cars must have a steering wheel in case onboard computers or sensors

fail. A licensed driver would need to sit in the driver's seat, ready to seize control.

"We need to be careful about the assumption that having a person behind the wheel" will make driving safer, Chris Urmson, the leader of Google's self-driving car project, told the agency.

Google has concluded that human error is the biggest danger in driving, and the company wants to remove the steering wheel and pedals from cars of the future, giving people minimal ability to intervene.

Urmson said that if the draft regulations are not changed, Google's car would not be available in California. While Google has been testing on roads here for several years — with trained safety drivers behind the wheel, just in case — it might deploy cars without steering wheels in Texas, where regulators hailed the technology when Google began testing prototypes there last summer.

California's DMV is still months away from finalizing any regulations.

Under the draft framework, an independent certifier would need to verify a manufacturer's assurances that its cars are safe. Google and traditional automak-

ers want manufacturer self-certification, the standard for other cars.

Once a company receives that verification, manufacturers would receive a permit for three years. Consumers could lease the cars, but manufacturers would be required to keep tabs on how safely they are driving and report that performance to the state. Drivers would need special, manufacturer-provided training, and then get a special certification on their licenses.

If a car breaks the law, the driver would be responsible.

John Simpson of the non-profit Consumer Watchdog commended the DMV on Thursday "for putting safety first. I think you got it exactly right" in the draft, he said.

Earlier this month, federal officials announced an aggressive plan to get the technology to the public's hands sooner than later.

In written guidance, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, projected that "fully automated vehicles are nearing the point at which widespread deployment is feasible."

It remains unclear just how the bullish federal approach will affect California's regulatory

process.

Neither Google nor traditional automakers have said they think the cars are ready yet, but at least a dozen companies are developing the technology and nearly as many have permission to test in California. Google has suggested a model could be ready for limited use sooner than the public realizes.

Several times during Thursday's workshop, DMV officials urged commenters to offer specific changes to the draft regulations, sometimes in reaction to comments that the regulations fell short.

Speaker Curt Augustine of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers said his organization did not agree with the DMV's third-party certification requirement.

DMV attorney Soublet asked for proposed fixes, invoking a saying his father told him: It only takes one wrecking ball to demolish a house, but a whole crew to build one.

The agency has been working on regulations for testing and now deployment for nearly three years — and regulations on deployment were supposed to be final a year ago.

Oxfam reports \$1.9B in Ebola aid not delivered by international donors

By **ROBBIE COREY-BOULET**
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ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — International donors have failed to deliver \$1.9 billion in promised funds to help West African countries recover from the Ebola epidemic that killed more than 11,000 people and decimated already weak health care systems, the U.K.-based charity Oxfam said Sunday.

The remaining \$3.9 billion pledged has been difficult to track because of "scant informa-

tion" and a lack of transparency, the group said.

"We're finding it hard to understand which donors have given what money, to whom and for what purpose," said Aboubacry Tall, Oxfam's regional director for West Africa.

Oxfam called on donors and the governments of Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea, "the three hardest-hit countries," to provide detailed information on how aid is being provided.

More than \$5 billion was pledged by the international community as part of a special Inter-

national Ebola Recovery Conference in New York last July. At least \$1.9 billion of that "still has not been allocated to a specific country in a pledge statement let alone through more firm commitments to specific recovery programs."

Originating in Guinea more than two years ago, the Ebola outbreak left some 23,000 children without at least one of their parents or caregivers, while some 17,000 survivors are trying to resume their lives despite battling mysterious, lingering side effects.

The international commu-

nity already has been criticized for how it handled the crisis. An Associated Press investigation found the World Health Organization delayed declaring an international emergency for political and economic reasons. Emails, documents and interviews obtained by the AP show the World Health Organization and other responders failed to organize a strong response. None of the senior leaders involved in directing the Ebola response has been disciplined or fired.

Meanwhile, the disease has not been stamped out entirely.

Though the WHO declared an end to virus transmission throughout the region on Jan. 14, the next day officials in Sierra Leone reported a new fatality and a second person has since tested positive.

WHO said it had anticipated there would still be flare-ups before Ebola was truly over. However, Oxfam said the slow response to recent flare-ups in both Sierra Leone and Liberia show they are still not able to deal effectively with new cases.



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Opinion

SOTU: A 2-way street

Tuesday's State of the University address will provide students the chance to speak directly with Mark Huddleston

Tomorrow, Feb. 2, UNH President Mark Huddleston will hold his annual State of the University address in what is assumed to be an effort to bridge the communication gap between students and administrators. Doors will open in the MUB's Granite State Room at 12:30 p.m. and the address is scheduled to begin at 1.

"The 2016 State of the University address is a university-wide town hall meeting question and answer session. [The address] is a great opportunity to reflect on our challenges, accomplishments and strategic planning, and for members of the UNH community to ask questions and offer ideas following the remarks," according to the press release sent to students via email on Jan. 19.

Though we acknowledge the time of the address is not necessarily the most ideal, *The New Hampshire* strongly encourages all students without class or work obligations to attend. This event serves as an opportunity for students to express grievances directly to President Huddleston.

The email states that students can also submit questions to Huddleston via email at UNH.sotu@unh.edu or through Twitter using #UNHSOTU.

While we would like to see more events like these — preferably at a time in the evening when more students would be less likely to have conflicts with class — we highly support and laud the address notwithstanding.

UNH is a large institution. There are some drawbacks that come alongside the many academic conveniences our school has to offer. Perhaps one of the largest is a sense of disconnect between us students and the administration; a perceived lack of intimacy. It can become very easy for students on a campus this large to feel as though their voices aren't heard, especially by the administration.

Per its mission statement, the University of New Hampshire is "the state's public research university, providing comprehensive, high-quality undergraduate programs and graduate programs of distinction."

UNH undoubtedly provides students with top-notch instructors, facilities and opportunities to make the most out of their undergraduate and/or graduate experiences. Additionally, we feel as though our student body president Cam Cook has performed exceptionally as both an advocate and voice for students on

campus. He has also made himself incredibly accessible by providing students with his email address and cell phone number, which is something we find to be a praiseworthy effort.

But it is imperative for university administrators to hold more events like the State of the University address in order to continue nurturing a stronger sense of support from the administration.

It would be mutually beneficial to both students and the administration. On one hand, students would feel as though they have more opportunities to meet face to face with administrators and President Huddleston himself. On the other, administrators would be able to garner an idea of what students are both concerned and quite possibly unaware of.

Open communication channels between students and administrators would greatly contribute to UNH's success as an institution that is growing in prestige at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The State of the University address certainly helps foster such open communication, but *The New Hampshire* thinks it speaks on behalf of all students on campus when we assert that we'd like to see more events like this in the future.

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A history of amnesia in the US

More Vidal famously quipped, “We are the United States of Amnesia, we learn nothing because we remember nothing.”

Vidal was known for his brutal honesty about American politics and those who voted people like George W. Bush and his predecessor Bill Clinton into office. I agree with the general proclamation that Vidal is submitting to us. We do suffer from a brutal case of amnesia. The most popular examples are our holidays and the birthdays of our long dead American heroes and villains. In a country that has reduced its moral landscape to an us-versus-them mentality—most well shown in Donald Trump’s bid for elected office—we deny the complexity of history and the world around us. To not remember the past is to eliminate reality. Totalitarian societies are well known for their subservience to a mythology where truth has been eroded.

Thomas Paine’s life and post-life story has been all but erased from the chamber of

American historical conscience. In its place, we have a watered down and neutered narrative that has been picked up by the likes of Glenn Beck, a conservative extremist and renowned conspiracy theorist. The only tale told is that of a man who wrote “Common Sense” and pushed a reluctant colony into action. Forgotten are his calls for economic equality and social welfare. Gone are the harsh criticisms of organized religion. Paine was the founding father who actually made slavery an issue. Paine went to France, in search of new revolutions he could inspire, when he stood for his belief in opposing the death penalty. Paine once a leader in French politics and author of “Rights of Man,” was sentenced to death. While in prison, he would write “Age of Reason,” a pamphlet that banned him from American society. A country he had ignited and inspired lambasted and destroyed his life and legacy. No one would remember the radical, the symbol of so many revolutions here and abroad that would come decades

From the Left

Mark Kobzik

and centuries later. Paine’s birthday was on Friday, Jan. 29.

We do suffer from a brutal case of amnesia. The most popular examples are our holidays and the birthdays of our long dead American heroes and villains.

The other figure whose radicalism has been wiped clean from our collective memory is Martin Luther King Jr. We remember his walk in Selma and the last bits of his “I Have A Dream” speech. The radical King, who was put

on the FBI watch-list, whose phone was tapped by none other than the ruthless brute J. Edgar Hoover, the man who dubbed the United States, “the greatest purveyor of violence in the world,” is a man who is but a whisper amongst those who still fight for African Americans and all other men, women and children who suffer in this country. Dr. King spoke like a Christian who really obeyed and preached Jesus’ basic philosophies. King excoriated the evils of capitalism while proclaiming himself a democratic socialist. King was shot and killed after years of abandonment by white liberals who didn’t want to join his Poor People’s Movement or crusade against the war in Vietnam. Over the last few decades the radical, who believed in compassion and resistance, has been adopted by a political class that has morphed and distorted his legacy into one that conforms to rigidity and complacency.

History is such an important tool to understand the world around us. I won’t claim that I have some superior knowledge

of what happens in this country, but the more I read and listen, the more I cannot submit myself to the illusion of our nation’s mythology. I would love to truly believe we are the best or greatest nation on earth. That kind of narcissism is delusional. There is no greatest or best nation. There is only the ability to improve on the present well-being of the people here and abroad. We cannot forget the past as if it was some abstract notion. It guides and influences everything we do. Instead, let us begin by unshackling ourselves from the ignorance of mythology and propose a new story for this country: the truth. As a country, Americans must reflect upon our collective history and what it means to us. If we fail to do so, we have failed future generations in our promise to carry the torch of unbiased, truthful knowledge.

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VOTING INFORMATION

Read to find out important information for registering to vote in the Feb. 9 NH primary

If you have not yet registered to vote and wish to vote on Feb. 9, you will now need to register on Election Day itself. (The last day to have registered at the Town Hall was Saturday, Jan. 30.) Under state law, qualified individuals may register to vote at the polling place (Oyster River High School) on Election Day at all elections.

If possible, bring photo identification (see below), proof of citizenship (birth certificate, passport, etc.), and proof of where you live (such as mail showing your current street address). If you don’t have any of these documents, you may still register by affirming your age eligibility, citizenship, and/or domicile by signing affidavits.

“No matter when or where you register to vote, you will be required to fill out a standard voter registration form, and you will be asked to show proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile. These qualifications may be established by signing affidavit(s).” (NH Secretary of State’s “Frequently Asked Questions” website <http://sos.nh.gov/HowRegVote.aspx>)

You must be domiciled in the state in order to vote and you must vote where you are domiciled. “Domicile” for voting purposes is defined as “that one place where a person, more than any other place, has established a physical presence and manifests an intent to maintain a single continuous presence for domestic, social, and civil purposes

relevant to participating in democratic self-government.” There is no minimum requirement of how long you must live here before being allowed to vote.

Even if you are a registered voter, you will be asked to show a photo ID. However, if you do not have one with you, you may still vote by first signing an affidavit. Acceptable forms of photo ID include:

- Driver’s license issued by any state or federal government;
- Non-driver ID card issued by NH DMV or motor vehicle agency of another state;
- Photo ID card for “voting identification only” issued by NH DMV;
- United States Armed Services Identification Card;
- United States passport or passcard;
- Student ID card (NH high school or public/private college) as authorized by statute;
- Any other form of photo ID deemed acceptable by the election officials.

You cannot be denied your right to vote if you do not have a photo ID with you on Election Day. If you forget your identification or choose not to show it, you may vote without it by signing a “challenged voter affidavit.” In addition, the voter shall have their photograph taken by the moderator or assistant moderator, which shall be attached to the challenged voter affidavit. If the voter objects to the photograph

requirement because of religious beliefs, the voter may execute an affidavit of religious exemption that will be attached to the challenged voter affidavit instead of the photograph. Unless you have fulfilled these steps, then you will not have met the requirements to receive a ballot.

If you filled out a challenged voter affidavit in order to vote on Election Day, you will receive a verification letter from the Secretary of State requesting confirmation that you voted in the election. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 90 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

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*Todd Selig
Durham Town Administrator*

Thumbs Up Thumbs Down



Thumbs up to the Democratic presidential debate coming to UNH.



Thumbs down to candidates not respecting the moderators. Chill.



Thumbs up to Neil deGrasse Tyson’s understanding of math and science.



Thumbs down to people who think Earth is flat. It’s not. Read a book.



Thumbs up to early spring semester ski trips.



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Thumbs up to being back in Durham for another semester.



Thumbs down to this being the class of 2016’s last semester.

GYMNASTICS

Balanced at the top



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Lia Breeden recorded a career-best 9.900 on the balance beam at the Don Tonry Bulldog Invitational on Saturday, earning second place. Breeden and the Wildcats are currently the No. 3 team in the country on beam, behind Florida and Oklahoma.

By **ANDREW YOURELL**
SPORTS EDITOR

Gail Goodspeed has been coaching gymnastics at UNH for over 35 years and she had a bold statement about this year's squad.

"This truly is the best team we've ever had," she said.

It's high praise from the head coach, whose teams have made the NCAA Regional level in all but two years of her tenure, but the early results seem to back up her words. The Wildcats are currently the No. 22-ranked team in the country and have the No. 3 beam routine in all of college gymnastics.

"You hear No. 3 on beam, but then you look at the rankings, and we're behind [Florida] and Oklahoma," senior captain Kelsey Aucoin said. "We've never had that experience...seeing it in rankings now is great for us."

While beam has been the team's strength, the Wildcats have been excelling on all fronts early in the season, having been ranked as high as the No. 15 team in the country. A hiccup score of 193.225 against Pittsburgh on Jan. 23 dropped the team's average down, keeping UNH from the top-25 for the first time this season. The team rebounded over the weekend with a 195.800 score at the Don Tonry Bulldog Invitational, defeating the University of Bridgeport, Yale and Southern Connecticut State University.

While upperclassmen have provided a strong backbone for the team, part of the reason for the team's success is the performance of the freshman class.

UNH graduated three talented seniors in May, including two of the top beam routines, but has replaced them with a nine-person class.

One of the brightest young stars for the Wildcats is Danielle Doolin, who has earned recognition as the Eastern Atlantic Gymnastics League Rookie of the Week in each of the past two weeks. The New Jersey native earned the award after her first home meet, against Yale, where she recorded a 39.025 score to claim the all-around title. She defeated talented sophomore Casey Lauter and All-EAGL junior Meghan Pflieger.

"Everyone can count on each other and we know if someone messes up, we know to step up," Doolin said, adding that she had been surprised by how team-oriented collegiate gymnastics were compared to high school and club teams.

While Doolin has earned the conference awards, she hasn't been alone in receiving praise from Goodspeed, who raved about the contributions her freshman class is already making.

"[Danielle] Mulligan is our top performer on bars, and she has a bar routine that can compete with anyone in the country," Goodspeed said. She also singled out Juliana Belar and Courtney Bondanza, but had especially good things to say about Nicole O'Leary.

"Phenomenal vaulter," she said. "She does a vault that's better, and I've told her this, than our only All-American, from 1989-91...and Nicole does that vault and she does it, actually, better than UNH's only All-American."

At Yale, the Wildcats returned to form, posting an impressive 195.800 score, which was more than two points better than the second place University of Bridgeport.

Pflieger and Lauter tied for the top score in the all-around with 39.150 scores, followed closely by Doolin in third place with a 39.100. Pflieger posted a 9.900 on floor and was second in the vault, where UNH finished second, third and fourth, with O'Leary and Lauter following Pflieger.

Mulligan and Jess Gracia notched a one-two finish on the uneven bars, with Mulligan taking the top spot at 9.900. Gracia's score of 9.825 tied for a career-high. Aucoin, Doolin and Lauter all earned 9.825 scores on their floor routines.

On the beam, UNH once again dominated, taking the top five spots. Lauter claimed the top honor with a 9.925, and Lia Breeden set a new career-high of 9.900 as the team scored a 49.375 on the apparatus.

"Great weekend to rebuild the team confidence and enjoy the meet," Goodspeed said of her team's bounce back from the Pittsburgh meet.

"We've never really had this great of a start before," Aucoin said. "Before, we've built up to these kinds of scores, but we've never started off that way. So to know that that's just our starting score and we have much more room to improve is really exciting for the entire team."

UNH returns home for the Wildcat Invitational on Sunday, Feb. 7. The Wildcats will host Bridgeport, Brown and Towson, starting at 1 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Distance, field events spark UNH sweep

By **RYAN PAGLIARO**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Team spirit and teamwork were certainly factors as the Wildcats achieved a home win Saturday against the University of Vermont and the University of Maine.

New Hampshire finished with 163 points, topping Maine's 97 and Vermont's 67. Strong performances in the throwing circle provided crucial points, and victories in the triple jump, high jump, and several other field events helped pace UNH's effort. The 'Cats placed first in all but five events on the day.

While the field events had given UNH a comfortable lead, it was two of the later events, the 3,000-meter and 4x400-meter, which were perhaps the most exciting races of the day.

The 3,000 appeared to be a tight race at first, with graduate Sam Gagnon leading the charge in order to set the pace for a personal record for teammate Brendan McCarthy. Followed closely by a tight pack, the two worked together in order to ensure a Wildcat victory in the event. Once Gagnon dropped off with a quarter of the race left to go, McCarthy surged ahead for an impressive lead. Roars of "UNH, UNH, UNH" filled the facility as McCarthy finished his final laps on the way to a new personal record of 8:35.05.

"I was definitely glad I got

that back under my belt," said McCarthy of his first personal best in the event in two years. "I started falling off a little bit towards the second kilometer of the race, but I was able to hold on for the last part. Focusing on the middle part of my race will definitely be key next time."

The 4X400 team secured a victory as well, as it edged out Vermont by just under a second, with team times of 3:29.85 and 3:30.67, respectively.

Junior Michael Shanahan had another terrific performance in the throwing circle. He finished second in the shot put with a throw of 14.4 meters and first place in the weight throw with a toss of 20.96 meters.

Head coach Jim Boulanger was proud of his team's success.

"I think when you're home you get the chance to act as a team," Boulanger said about the team-first feel at the track.

He is looking forward to what the team can accomplish in these next few meets while getting ready for conference championships.

"Each week right now is like a prelude to the conference," he said. "Each one's got to be its own act and (saying), 'Okay, what do we have to improve on?'"

The 'Cats look to continue their success on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the University of Rhode Island.

Wernig's personal record paces UNH in win

By **ANDREW YOURELL**
SPORTS EDITOR

A day after its top distance runners competed at the John Thomas Terrier Classic, the rest of the UNH women's track and field team hosted a quad meet in the Paul Sweet Oval. Despite the absence of the talented distance unit, UNH cruised to victory over Maine, Vermont and Dartmouth.

The field events proved to be crucial for the Wildcats. The team won the weight throw, high jump, long jump and triple jump to outpace the competition.

In the weight throw, sophomore Emily Wernig recorded a personal best of 50 feet, 10.25 inches to win the event.

"We have always had a really strong distance crew, so I think since we knew we didn't have them this weekend really made us step up our game," Wernig said. "Last weekend for the throws team was rough and this weekend we really wanted to redeem ourselves and show that we can score and be an important part of the team as well."

The other wins in the field events were recorded by Shelby Strickland, Emma Checovich and Lexie Arbour. Strickland claimed

gold in the high jump, hitting a height of 5-feet-5-inches. In the long jump, Checovich's 17-foot-2-inch jump was the only mark to make it past the 17-foot mark. Arbour was the only Wildcat to compete in the triple jump, but beat out a trio of Black Bears with a 34-foot jump.

On the track, the Wildcats were led by senior Lauren Perrodin. Perrodin competed in the 200-meter dash on Friday at the Terrier Classic, before returning to take gold in the 55-meter dash at Saturday's meet. Perrodin recorded a 7.18 in the victory, followed by teammate Jessica Hackett in 7.42 seconds.

"The turnaround was rough but the championship meets are two days so it was good practice staying focused for both days," Perrodin said of the quick turnaround.

"As for the team, we've been working hard all season and I can't wait to see how we perform," the senior co-captain said. "This is the best team we've ever had. Conference is going to be a great opportunity to really show that off."

The Wildcats return to action on Feb. 6 at Rhode Island to prep for the America East Championships.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Despite loss, UNH heating up



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Jonna Curtis leads the rush up ice. Curtis has posted a team leading 29 points.

By **MARK GARBINO**
STAFF WRITER

While We Were Gone

The Wildcats have seen their most successful stretch of the season over their last ten games, dating back to December 4. They earned a record of 6-4-0 during that span, which included an impressive streak when they claimed victories in four out of five games.

During this run, UNH defeated both Merrimack College and the University of Maine, twice, while also picking up victories over Dartmouth College and Yale University.

The two wins over Maine on January 23 and 24 were two of the most dominant wins of the season for the Wildcats. They marched into Orono and waltzed away with four points in the conference standings, winning 5-1 and 3-0 over their rivals.

After an 0-7-0 start to begin the season, the 'Cats have worked their way up the standings, currently sitting just three points behind the University of Connecticut for fourth in Hockey East with a conference record of 7-11-0. Their overall record is 10-17-1 this season.

Save by Smith

Freshman goaltender Kyra Smith was named the Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month in December. She posted a 4-1-0 record with a .905 save percentage during the month.

Smith was also awarded another accolade on January 25, when she was named the Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Week, for her stellar performances against Maine. She stopped 52 of 53 shots (.981 save percentage) between the two matchups, which included her first career shutout on January 24.

The Littleton, Colorado na-

tive has been an undoubted success story in net for UNH this season. Since taking over as the team's starter, Smith has provided stable play in the crease, and has earned praise from head coach Hilary Witt.

"Kyra has really played well, and we expect her to continue to," said Witt. "She has confidence and has given us a chance to win every game she has played."

Dynamic Duo

Sophomore center Amy Boucher and junior left wing Jonna Curtis have been producing offense at a very high rate recently.

Boucher is currently riding a six-game point streak, during which she has accumulated three goals and eight assists. She has points in 10 of her last 12 games, consisting of five goals and ten assists. The Edmonton, Alberta native has 11 goals and 11 assists

for 22 points this season, ranking second on the team in all three categories.

Witt commended Boucher's abilities after she extended her point streak Friday night at Northeastern University.

"Amy Boucher has a knack for the net," said Witt. "Her skating and toughness play a huge role in her success. She will only keep getting better."

Curtis has been the Wildcats' most consistent forward this season. She has seven goals and five assists over her last ten games, with points in eight of the ten. The skilled winger leads the team with 14 goals, 15 assists, and 29 points through 28 games. Her 14 goals tie her with Connecticut's Theresa Knutson for seventh place in Hockey East.

Making the Sacrifice

Senior defenseman and team captain Sara Carlson and freshman defenseman Marie-Jo Pel-

letier have been consistently putting themselves in the line of fire in the defensive zone, blocking shots by any means necessary.

Carlson and Pelletier have blocked enough shots to rank them second and third in Hockey East, respectively. Carlson is one behind the conference lead with 60, while Pelletier is seven back, with 54.

Moving Forward

The 'Cats are coming off a 5-2 loss to fourth-ranked Northeastern, and will host the University of Vermont for a pair of games on Friday and Saturday. These games will have a significant impact on the Hockey East standings, as the Catamounts are just four points behind UNH. Coach Witt expects a strong performance out of her team.

"I like our work ethic and the way we have been playing," she said. "I expect us to bring our best next weekend."



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Kyra Smith was awarded Pro Ambitions Rookie of the Month for December.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Smith's two-goal effort ends Wildcats' skid

By **BRIAN DUNN**
SPORTS EDITOR

For many students, the winter break was relaxing and enjoyable. The UNH men's hockey team, on the other hand, had a stretch that was rather forgetful.

During a five-week span, the Wildcats played ten games and only recorded 3 wins. Two wins came at the hands of the Maine Black Bears and the most recent one was a 3-1 decision against No. 4 Providence College on Saturday night. The 'Cats hold a 9-14-4 overall record and stand tied for 10th in the conference standings, with only eight games left to play.

The break started off strong as the team took care of business against the Black Bears. The teams met at neutral sites in Portland, Maine and Manchester, New Hampshire, and the Wildcats iced the season series with two wins. The first game ended in a 5-4 final, and 7-0 decision on the second night. The Maine games were the final games of the 2015 calendar year.

The New Year hasn't been so kind to the Wildcats. On Jan. 2, UNH traveled to the Gutterson Fieldhouse in Burlington, Vermont, where the team dropped a 3-2 decision to the Vermont Catamounts. Despite efforts by Matias Cleland and Andrew Poturalski to overcome a two-goal deficit, the team ultimately lost in overtime and dropped the first game of 2016.

It's been a slippery slope for UNH ever since. The 'Cats could not nab a win in their next five contests, losing to UMass-Lowell, twice to Northeastern, and twice to the University of Notre Dame. The team held a season-high six-game losing streak.

After a long drought, the Wildcats sought to right the ship against an old foe; No. 4 ranked Providence College, the defending NCAA champions.

The first game took place Friday night, and UNH's struggles continued. Though they battled, the Wildcats dropped their seventh straight game to the Friars by a 3-1 decision.

"[Providence College] is a tough team, they compete hard" said head coach Dick Umile. "We did not do a great job covering them, but they move the puck."

Although the team failed to break the losing streak, junior forward Tyler Kelleher snapped his 13-game scoring drought with a goal against Providence.

"Finally," said Umile when asked about the goal, but he still wants more from his star performers, like Kelleher. "Some of the guys we are counting on need to do more for us."

The following night, UNH grabbed its first win of 2016. Senior forward Kyle Smith recorded two goals in the winning effort and the 'Cats were able to walk away with a series split, defeating Providence on the road by a score of 3-1.

Despite a difficult stretch, there have been bright spots for the team.

Sophomore Andrew Poturalski was nominated for the presti-

gious Hobey Baker award, given to the NCAA Division I hockey's top performer. Poturalski is second in the nation with 19 goals, 22 assists and 41 points overall.

Senior goaltender Jamie Regan stepped between the pipes for his first-ever start as a Wildcat on Jan. 23 against Notre Dame. Regan was on the losing end but posted 26 saves and a .896 save percentage.

Kelleher is now only five points shy of entering the UNH century club. Kelleher has 95 career points and is closing in on putting his name in history with some of UNH's greatest skaters.

UNH hopes to turn the season around and start a winning streak next week when they step inside the Conte Forum to do battle with the Boston College Eagles.

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hamton away meet with another pair of victories. On one-meter, she led a team sweep of the event, notching first with 228.07 points, followed by teammates Erin Cullather and Savanna Desmarais. The sophomore also won the 3-meter event with a 229.49, beating Maine's best competitor by over 25 points. Cullather took bronze in the event.

"A few new dives have come together for [Miller] the last couple weeks, so I expect her to be in finals," Willman said. "I expect to see a couple of [divers] in there, and a lot of it is going to be how nerves affect some of the new people."

Also winning multiple

events for the Wildcats were freshmen Linnea Lemerise and Vivi El-Sibay, who each won both backstroke and butterfly events, respectively. Lemerise also took the top spot in the 200-yard individual medley event, with El-Sibay coming in third.

Juniors Sarah Olver and Sarah Broderick won the 200-yard breaststroke and the 50-yard freestyle for the 'Cats.

The team also celebrated Senior Night for its lone senior, Bettina Caspersen. The captain claimed the top time in the 100-yard breaststroke, nearly beat out Olver for the 200-yard event, and placed third in the 100-yard butterfly. Caspersen was honored for her contributions to the team—which includes numerous America East finalist awards—before the meet, and the team played her native Danish Na-

tional Anthem before the meet.

"It feels really great. The team is awesome," Caspersen said, after her teammates unveiled a life-size picture of their captain during the team's pre-meet warmup.

Willman lauded the senior for her effort over her four years and for being instrumental in the team's international recruiting efforts. Having swimmers like Caspersen around, he said, has helped new swimmers like Baykova and El-Sibay adjust to American collegiate culture.

The moment isn't lost on the senior captain, who has a countdown to America East Championships going. The meet begins on Thursday, Feb. 11 and wraps up on Sunday, Feb. 14. For Caspersen, the goal is simple.

"This is my last swim, so just go out and be fast."



COURTESY OF PAIGE O'DONNELL

The Wildcats celebrated the team's lone senior, Bettina Caspersen (center), before Friday night's meet against the Maine Black Bears.

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have to be able to put the ball in the hoop in these big games. I think we missed a lot of easy shots."

Herrion used a lack of motivation as a reason that the Wildcats have lost. They might be a top-four program, but in the eyes of Herrion, the Wildcats aren't one of the elite programs in America East.

"We haven't answered the

bell in a couple of upper level games this year," Herrion said. "Stony Brook came in here. Manhandled us. Vermont came in here. Manhandled us."

Last season the Wildcats were able to beat both Stony Brook and Vermont at Lundholm and put themselves in a solid position. The question becomes, what is different this season? The answer is that the Wildcats aren't catching anyone by surprise. Which is a gift and a curse.

"Now we aren't an underdog," Herrion said. "Now we are

a respected team in this league and I don't think anybody is sleeping on us. What we haven't figured out yet is that the Stony Brooks and Vermonts come in and physically go after you. The great teams bring it every night."

The Wildcats may not be the underdog anymore, but at this point in the season, some of the players feel like that is the mentality the team needs to find again in order to be successful.

"There was a feeling every single time we stepped on that court that we were the under-

dog," senior captain Joe Bramanti said. "Right now it doesn't feel that way. We have to re-find that somehow. We need to pull it out of people."

The Wildcats will play Vermont and Stony Brook on the road this time. They will host Albany. For UNH to truly contend for an America East title and an NCAA tournament birth, those games will be hugely important.

"The tournament is the thing that really matters for us," Bramanti said. "With these next nine games we can focus in on

what we really need to and hopefully get on a roll."

That winning mentality seemed to work as the Wildcats travelled down to UMBC and were able to escape with an 84-81 win on the back of Jaleen Smith's 21 point performance. The Wildcats shot the ball well, making 10 threes and shooting just under 45 percent. UNH now has eight days off before heading to Binghamton on Feb 6.

For more on the men's basketball team, follow Sam on Twitter, @Sam17Don.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

'Cats struggle over break

By **SAM ROGERS**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In their first home game of the second semester, the Wildcats welcomed the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Retrievers to Durham. Despite trailing by one at halftime and playing a close first half, UNH dropped the America East matchup 65-55.

Sophomore Carlie Pogue led the Wildcats in scoring with 15 points. Senior Elizabeth Belanger continues to make history as she added 13 points to her current point total, which eclipsed 1,000 points earlier this year against Pennsylvania. The two combined for 14 rebounds.

Belanger's ten first-half points, and freshman Ashley Storey's four, kept the Wildcats close heading into halftime, trailing 26-25. UNH had the edge in shooting percentage in the first half, with a 40 percent to 36 percent advantage. Although the Wildcats saw their shots falling, the third quarter proved to be their downfall.

UNH only scored seven points in the third frame and trailed 42-32 heading into the final ten minutes. UNH and UMBC were even in the fourth, both scoring 23 points. Although the 'Cats had broken their scoring drought from the third, they couldn't rally a comeback from the ten-point deficit.

"We couldn't score, the third quarter killed us," Belanger said.

The Wildcats have been playing even basketball in most of their games for three quarters but they haven't been able to complete their game. Belanger, one of the team's co-captains, noticed the lack of third quarter scoring.

"(Not being able to score in the third has) happened to us in many games."

Senior co-captain Corinne Coia was sidelined due to a knee injury, and her presence down low and her leadership were missed on Saturday.

Head coach Maureen Magarity wasn't on the bench to lead the 'Cats, because she and her husband welcomed a new child into the family. In her absence, assistant coach Kelsey Hogan took over the coaching role, and she also had her own worries about the team's third quarter play.

"We did a great job of coming out in the start of the game," Hogan said. "Our scores were coming from the defensive end but obviously we didn't do that in the second half."

Over the winter break, the Wildcats had a tough stretch, losing nine games in a row, and they are now 1-12 in their last 13 games. The 'Cats record is 7-14 and 1-7 in America East play. After Saturday's loss, UNH will have a week off before they start the second half of conference

play.

"We just have to keep working, keep working on the little things," Belanger said.

"There's time to turn this around," Hogan said.

UNH lost to Binghamton at the buzzer when they met on Jan. 9 in New York. Elizabeth Belanger said that it will be "nice to have some redemption," when the two teams face off next weekend.

UNH will play Binghamton University Saturday February 6th at 1 p.m. The game will be Alumni Day and the "You Can Play Game" at Lundholm Gymnasium.

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In Brief

Wedsjö's giant slalom win leading 'Cats at Vermont

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University of New Hampshire sophomore alpine skier Lisa Wedsjö raced to victory in Friday's giant slalom at Mount Mansfield Ski Club for her first career win, and the UNH ski team moved into third place on the first day of the University of Vermont Winter Carnival.

Wedsjö, who entered the race ranked fifth in the East on giant slalom, registered the fastest time in both runs en route to a decisive 1.18-second triumph over runner-up Brittany Lathrop of Vermont. The native of Saltsjöbaden, Sweden, improved her initial time of 1 minute, 5.54 seconds to a blazing 1:04.51 her second run down the mountain for a combined time of 2:10.05.

Randa Teschner finished in 2:13.14 for eighth place to register her second straight top-10, and Geneviève Frigon earned 12th place in 2:14.70.

Teschner followed up with a sixth-place finish in the women's slalom in the second day of action.

Reigning EISA Male Alpine Skier of the Week Phil Rivet was the top 'Cat. The East's second-ranked GS competitor clocked in at 2:06.18 for fourth place. Jay Ogle finished in 2:08.68 for 14th place, and Peter Martens placed 28th. On day two, Bryan Cookson tied for seventh place in the slalom

event.

UNH's 367 rank third behind Dartmouth (467) and Vermont (430) among the 13 teams that have registered points. The UVM Carnival continues Saturday, Feb. 6, with the Nordic ski events at Trapp Family Lodge. The Nordic events will also continue on Sunday, Feb. 7.

The UVM Carnival is the third Eastern Intercollegiate Skiing Association's season. UNH has recorded two third-place finishes in the season's two other events.

In the first carnival of the season, Vermont's 944 points and Dartmouth's 903 points were enough to hold the Wildcats, who tallied 734 points, to third place, ahead of Middlebury College and Williams College.

UNH again placed third at the Colby College Carnival, held at Sugarloaf Mountain. Dartmouth and Vermont were again the top two teams, with Dartmouth outlasting Vermont by a score of 921-917. UNH was close behind in third-place with 912 points, propelled by Lizzie Gill and Katrin Larusson, who combined to win the women's freestyle team sprint. Middlebury College's 746 points were good for a distance fourth-place finish, and Colby College rounded out the Carnival's top five teams with a score of 624 points.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Baykova's record sinks Bears

By **ANDREW YOURELL**
SPORTS EDITOR

Liza Baykova has been one of America East's most dominant performers since her arrival on campus last fall, and she proved it again on Friday night with a pair of gold medals to pace the Wildcats past Maine in the team's final regular season meet.

Baykova's first swim of the night broke a Swasey Pool record, as she cruised to an easy victory in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:50.31. The talented sophomore already has the school record in the event, earning an NCAA "B"-cut time of 1:47.48 at last year's America East conference meet.

"It was pretty good," the Moscow native said of her new pool record. "I was kind of excited."

For Baykova, the record was a matter of unfinished business; last season's final dual meet saw the then-freshman finish the event in 1:51.11, just missing the pool record. She promised head coach Josh Willman then that she would break the record this year.

Baykova also crushed her competition in the 100-yard freestyle, earning first with a 50.98 second time. She is within striking distance of former All-American Denise Leckenby's school record, and her time nearly earned another pool record on Friday night.

"Next year," she promised with a grin. While Baykova's performance may have stolen the lion's share of the spotlight, she was not alone in the victory. UNH won every single event en route to a 161-125 victory, which was only so close in score because UNH swimmers elected to compete exhibition towards the end of the meet.

Other notable performances came from Jess Harper, who won both the distance freestyle events and reigning America East Diver of the Week Hailee Miller, who swept both the 1-meter and 3-meter springboard events.

Harper's 4:58.68 performance in the 500-yard freestyle is this season's top time in the America East conference, but head coach Josh Willman admitted after the meet that the sophomore wasn't racing at top-speed as part of the team's taper.

"Jess hasn't really gotten the chance to swim the 500 and the 1,000 too much, so we wanted to kind of test that out and see where she was in those events before our conference meet." Willman said. "She kind of knew that she could win those events without too much



ANDREW YOURELL/STAFF

Last season, Liza Baykova made a promise to her coach that she would break the Swasey Pool's 200-yard freestyle record. One year later, the sophomore cashed in with 1:50.31.

effort...she said she backed off a lot in the 500."

Despite conserving her energy for the team's conference run, Harper nearly broke a team record as well. The Easthampton, Massachusetts native already holds the school's 500-yard record, and her 10:03.78 was less than

3 seconds from Lauren McCandless's school record in the 1,000-yard freestyle, and won the event by over 30 seconds.

In the diving events, Miller followed up a strong performance at last weekend's Bing-

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Underdogs no more

By **SAM DONNELLY**
STAFF WRITER

The Wildcats season to this point can be boiled down to one word. Interesting. The UNH men's basketball team has a 12-9 record and a 5-3 conference record. They have won five of their last six games and currently sit in the fourth position in the America East Stand-

UNH	84
UMBC	81

ings. All of those things sound good right? Well here's the downside.

The improvement, at least by the record, hasn't come. This time last season the Wildcats were in the same position at 13-9. The three teams above the Wildcats are their three conference losses (Stony Brook, Vermont, Albany). The Wildcats played close on the road at Albany, losing in overtime 80-75, but at home against Vermont and Stony Brook, that wasn't the case.

UNH lost 80-50 to Stony Brook and on Monday night lost 66-50 at the hands of Vermont. What is the trend in those losses? Shooting. In those two games the Wildcats shot a combined 29 percent from the field and made just six three-pointers on 29 attempts.

"I think the next step that our basketball needs to take is a sense of urgency in those games," head coach Bill Herrion said. "We

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MEN'S BASKETBALL (12-9)

84	81
UNH	UMBC
Saturday, Catonsville, MD	

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (7-14)

65	55
UMBC	UNH
Saturday, Durham, N.H.	

GYMNASTICS (5-3)

195.800	193.650
UNH	Bridgeport
Saturday, New Haven, CT	

Also: W, vs. Yale
Also: W, vs. SCSU

MEN'S HOCKEY (9-13-4)

3	1
UNH	Providence

Saturday, Providence, R.I.
Also: L, 3-1 vs. Providence

WOMEN'S HOCKEY (10-17-1)

5	2
Northeastern	UNH

Friday, Boston, MA

SWIM & DIVE (5-1)

161	125
UNH	Maine

Friday, Durham, N.H.

STAT OF THE WEEK

9:29.29 Elinor Purrier's school record 3,000 meter time