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Student Senate Update

First Senate meeting of semester cancelled

BY TYLER KENNEDY
CONTENT EDITOR

Due to an administrative mistake by Student Senate Speaker Alex Fries, the Student Senate meeting originally set to take place on the evening of Sunday, Jan. 29 was scrapped in an effort not to trespass the senate's credibility levels regarding transparency and ethics, according to Fries. Fries mistakenly placed the wrong date on the agenda for this week's meeting; it read "Sunday, Feb. 5" rather than "Sunday, Jan. 29."

"There was some confusion with whether or not we would be having a meeting, and with the level of sincerity that we're dealing with on the topics that we are talking about, I just didn't feel comfortable having the meeting," Fries said. "I just think that if we're talking about things—no matter what we're talking about—we have to clear that ethical and transparency threshold and if we're compromising that, we shouldn't be conducting business."

The most prominent item on the agenda was a discussion by the senate regarding the possible removal of current student body president, Jonathan Dean. On the day of the final student senate meeting last semester, Sunday, Dec. 4, Fries received a collection of petitions that called for the impeachment of Dean. However, due to the infeasibility of validating the necessary 300 undergraduate student names within the span of only a few hours, Fries made the decision to postpone a full discussion on the matter.

Over the course of winter break, Fries was able to verify the undergraduate names through the Registrar's Office; the plan was to hold that discussion at the first senate meeting of the spring semester. The first meeting will now happen next weekend, though the details regarding its start and end time have not yet been finalized.

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Parents Council grants \$39,143 to multiple university projects

BY MADISON NEARY
STAFF WRITER

The University of New Hampshire's Parents Association has awarded \$39,143 in grants to fund emerging and expanding projects throughout the univer-

sity during the 2016-17 academic year.

The Parents Council serves as the governing board of the Parents Association, the network of UNH parents that guardians are automatically entered into when their child enrolls at the university.

President-elect of the council and UNH alumna Pam Dey Vossler states that the council works to strengthen the UNH community and support its students' success. According to Dey Vossler, the Parents Council's work does not stop within the parameters of the

university; it expands the UNH brand in the world to ensure student connections in the job force after graduation.

"Everything we do is to fur-

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MISSING: MILK HUDDLESTON

Cardboard cut-out of historic T-Hall lawn grazing cow missing from Dimond Library



COURTESY OF UNH SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, ELIZABETH CLEMENTE/STAFF

(Left) Original photograph of grazing cow, now known as "Milk Huddleston" in front of T-Hall. (Right) Competition in November to name the cow in HoCo.

BY GABRIELLE LAMONTAGNE
STAFF WRITER

Milk Huddleston, the cow cutout displayed last semester in the lobby of Dimond Library, has been missing since the ending of finals week this past December. Special Collections Curator Dale Valena believes that the cow was taken during the period of time when the library was operating under a 24-hour schedule.

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Completed Hamel Rec. Center renovations place focus on full-wellness approach



CHINA WONG/STAFF

A new room in the renovated section of the rec. center for spinning classes.

BY ALYCIA WILSON
DESIGN EDITOR

Upon its creation in 1995, the University of New Hampshire's first recreation center had never been considered a completed project. After 22 years of deliberation, student senate resolutions and design layouts, an extension was added to the pre-existing Hamel Student Rec-

reation Center attached to the Whittemore Center (Whitt). The completion of this new project allowed for renovations in the recreation facility that had been standing for decades and where some maintenance has long-been deferred. However, after decades of discussion and assembly, the Hamel Recreation Center (HRC) is finally completed.

Although the extension to

the pre-existing Hamel Student Recreation Center resolved a lot of issues in the way of benchmark measurements in the recreation field and student accessibility to fitness equipment, the project was still not completed due to the need to bring attention to deferred maintenance projects on the original building. The process began during December 2015, and the long-awaited complete recreation center made its appearance on campus on the night of Jan. 24.

Director of Campus Recreation Stacey Hall outlined the several contributing factors that pushed the incentive to renovate the recreational facility that had been standing for 22 years. For one, the air handling system was upgraded for the sake of inconsistent temperature patterns throughout the building and unsystematic noise. Additionally, the wood floors on the multipurpose courts were replaced while others were

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COURTESY PHOTO

UNH senior starts 'Swipe it Forward' food security program

JOCELYN VAN SAUN
STAFF WRITER

Graduating in May with a Bachelor of Science in nutrition, Alana Davidson is leaving her mark on UNH by paying it forward. After conducting research

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on campus last fall, Davidson found that out of a sample size of 943 UNH graduate and undergraduate students, 25 percent proved to be “food insecure.” It was this shocking find that inspired Davidson to create the program “Swipe It Forward.”

“Swipe It Forward” has been implemented to allow students, faculty, staff and community members to donate food swipes to both undergraduate and graduate students who identify as “food insecure” through a virtual food bank. Students can donate up to 15 swipes per semester to the food bank. Meal swipes are then loaded onto the student ID cards of those in need and can be used at any of the three dining halls on campus.

Originally from Hamden, Connecticut, Davidson has always had an appreciation for good food and good nutrition. She remembers countless days spent cooking and baking in the kitchen with her father.

“I was going to be a baker before I settled on nutrition,” Davidson said. However, she knew that, with her passion for helping others, there had to be something she could do to help. After spending a summer interning at the Connecticut Mental Health Center at Yale University, Davidson became frustrated. Her project

was to assist in finding a way to provide healthier food for clients on public assistance.

“[The country] produces enough food, but not everyone has access to it,” Davidson said.

Davidson took this frustration back to UNH during the fall of her sophomore year. Using data from the College Health and Nutritional Assessment Survey out of the Nutrition Program, Davidson found that 12 percent of students in a Nutrition 400 course, comprised mostly of freshman, were “food insecure.”

This statistic stunned Davidson and peaked her concern. She explained her desire to conduct more research on a larger scale to President Huddleston last year at an event for scholarship recipients.

“There’s the whole romanticized image of eating ramen noodles [because] college students are ‘supposed’ to be struggling. But we’re talking about students here who are eating maybe one meal a day. They can’t afford fruits and vegetables. They’re going to class hungry. They’re getting migraines. They’re tired,” Davidson said.

In her efforts to help, Davidson then developed a survey using the same validated questionnaire that the USPA uses at the household and childhood level to assess food insecurity. After adding demographic questions, the survey was e-mailed out and posted on boards, buses and social media

all over campus. A sample size of 943 undergraduate and graduate students voluntarily took the survey and the results were staggering, indicating that 25 percent of the respondents were “food insecure.”

Davidson presented these findings to the Dean’s Council and considered what other universities such as UC Berkeley and the University of Oregon were doing to address this problem. She came up with a plan that didn’t require any change in technology or any additional cost on Blackboard. It doesn’t affect the amount of financial aid students will receive or require an application.

“We decided not to [require an application] because it is just another barrier for students when it’s already difficult to come forward to begin with,” Davidson said. Anyone, from an academic advisor, a counselor, or a professor, can suggest that a student use this program, or they can come forward themselves. The Parents Association has helped to start the program with a grant of \$4,000.

Davidson recently applied to graduate school at Tufts University and NYU for Food Policy with a focus in food insecurity. After that, she hopes to move to Washington, D.C. in order to “ensure our food system works so that all Americans have access to healthy, nutritious food, regardless of zip code, race, socioeconomic status, etc.”

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ther support our students,” Dey Vossler said. “Just like a parent would encourage their kid to go beyond and raise the bar for themselves and hit it.”

According to Dey Vossler, the Parent’s Council received 22 grant proposals this year. Of this total, 20 of the proposed applications were selected and received grants ranging from \$966 to \$4,000. The grant money comes from an endowment started by donations from parents. Because the funds are invested, the amount available for grants is dependent on the performance of these investments each year.

This year, many projects were affected by these grants. The UNH Precision Racing team received \$3,000 to design and create an open wheeled form style racecar to compete against 120 other schools in Michigan in May. According to senior mechanical engineering major and director of the race team Keller Waldron, the car will be judged on cost and performance. The winner of the competition will have their prototype manufactured and sold.

“We design and manufacture the whole thing from the ground up,” Waldron said. “The grant allows us to apply what we learn in the classroom to a real world application.”

Among the other 20 or so re-

ipients are the men and women’s crew teams, who, according to junior Brian Rafferty, applied for the grant to fund repairs on their boat-house. The “Swipe It Forward” program received the maximum grant of \$4,000. According to senior nutrition major Alana Davidson, the money bought 1,333 swipes for students who may not be able to afford them otherwise.

“It’s a great start,” Davidson said. “We have a good number of meals to start the program off with.”

The Parents Association grant criteria states that, among other considerations, the council will weigh the quality and merit of proposal, how the proposed project will affect the UNH community and the long-term impact the proposal will make. The qualifications for the grant are open to a variety of projects. However, Dey Vossler notes it does not fund travel.

Though the grants are a huge part of the Parents Associations’ presence in the UNH community, President Shawn Munro Edgecomb highlights that the association’s hopes to be a resource for parents who may have questions and concerns about their children.

“A lot of time when their kid goes off to college parents do not know where to get their questions answered,” Munro Edgecomb said. “We’re trying to make the parent of a student network stronger and more visible so parents have a support network.”

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refurbished, the locker rooms were redone and the old fitness center was repurposed to incorporate a dedicated cycling room and performance center. Together, there are now five different areas that house fitness equipment throughout the entire recreation complex.

According to Student Body President Jonathan Dean, the funding to support the renovations of the HRC comes from each student’s student recreation fee.

“The fee was nearly doubled in order to cover the cost of this renovation,” Dean said.

In addition to the nearly \$5.5 million worth of deferred maintenance in the complex, several other changes have been made to the layout of the building that students can look forward to this semester.

The increasing demand for health services programs such as massage therapy and health education allowed for a health service sector to be integrated into the renovations as an extension of what is currently offered in their professional building. This addition to the building includes a massage room with sessions that cost \$40 for each 50-minute period; a coloring room, a private conference room and a room designated for meditation and yoga



CHINA WONG/STAFF

Students play a pick-up game of basketball on one of the two newly renovated courts.

practices. Each new project is intended to foster multiple varieties of wellness, such as social, emotional and occupational.

“There has been a global trend across the country to incorporate multiple forms of wellness into a recreation center setting,” Hall said. “The addition of Health Services introduces mental wellness instead of just physical wellness.”

In addition, students may also take a liking to the kitchen area designed for nutrition classes and meal prep demonstrations. The room, which includes two stoves and a preparation area, is designed to encourage a nutritional eating schedule and provide the

students with the resources necessary to execute a healthy lifestyle.

“I think that it is a good idea that they are getting nutritionists involved directly with students because recently there’s been a rise in interest in meal prep along with many of us planning our meals independently for the first time in our lives,” sophomore nutritional sciences major Mackenzie Stanley said.

Other students are looking forward to the advantages that the spacious HRC provides as an entire entity.

“I like the multiple basketball courts,” sophomore Kyle LeCour said. “You can finally have an entire court to yourself.”

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Due to the possible conflicts that might arise with holding such a meeting during the Super Bowl, especially one that involves the New England Patriots, Fries said that he is hoping to figure out a way to conduct the meeting regarding the week’s agenda on Saturday, Feb. 4 rather than Sunday, Feb. 12.

“It’s really a tricky situation that we’re in right now, but we’ll figure it out,” he said.

In order for a vote to occur on the matter of impeaching Dean, the senate must be in quorum, and only if at least 58.5 percent of senators vote in favor of relieving Dean of his duties will he be forced to leave his office.

Other items on the agenda that are now pushed back include a resolution regarding separating the weekends of Homecoming and Family Weekend, and other “housekeeping” actions, such as adding and removing senators, Fries said.

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'Buddies' new and old dance the night away



BRENDON BURNS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

UNH students and members of Best Buddies enjoy the annual Snowball Dance in the Granite State Room of the MUB.

BY BRENDON BURNS STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

UNH students and members of Best Buddies chapters from all across the state flooded the Memorial Union Building's (MUB) Granite State Room (GSR) for the annual Snowball Dance on Saturday, Jan. 28.

UNH Chapter President Samantha Colaw said that 100 UNH students sent an RSVP for the event, along with the expected 10 Best Buddies chapters from middle schools and high schools from various towns.

According to an ad for the event, Best Buddies creates one-on-one matches, facilitates friendships and creates an inclu-

sive environment between UNH students and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) around the community. The program puts UNH students and community members with IDD in "buddy pairs" in order to create an individualized and inclusive environment. Colaw said that there were 26 buddy pairs at the event with an expected crowd of 200 people.

Though the event was organized with a budget of \$300 for the DJ, the organization decided rather to put the money towards an arrangement of food and copious decorations.

The snacks and refreshments proved to be wildly popular as the food tables had a line

for the first hour of the event.

Snacking items such as cheese, crackers, fresh fruit, ice cream sundaes, cookies and more were found at the tables spread across the room, and winter-themed decorations gave a cheery vibe to the event. Colaw said that her mother created a vast majority of the homemade decorations.

McDonald's Brand Ambassador Larry Johnston attended the event to personally give a check from previous fundraisers at UNH, Merrimack Valley and Winnacunnet. As an ambassador, Johnston's job is to speak on behalf of those with IDD and to advocate involvement in the program.

"We hope to have a long

and enjoyable relationship," Johnston said.

According to Johnston, McDonald's plans to have two or more fundraisers this year to support the chapter in holding more events; the next fundraiser in the works will be in Exeter.

First-year Exeter High School Best Buddies member Nikki was found eating the fresh snacks and jamming to songs such as "Forever" by Chris Brown and "Party In the USA" by Miley Cyrus while celebrating her first event.

"I like seeing how other people dance," Best Buddy Dylan said. "I'm excited to see people from last year."

Best Buddies State Director Sarra Dennehy stated that she

was proud of the UNH students who took advantage of the minimal money they were given for the event and did so well.

"This event is for those that might not ever get to go to a dance with this many people," Dennehy said.

Former UNH Chapter President Sarah Brais guesses that there has been a dance in the winter months for the past six to seven years with the intention of participants dressing up and having fun.

"There is no hour of awkwardness [at this dance]," Brais said. "People who usually never get noticed are on the front stage right now."

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"I came in the front door and it's something that I always noticed because I loved the cow, which is how we noticed it was missing," Valena said.

"[The cow] was part of an exhibit in the fall to celebrate 150 [years of UNH], celebrating the students," Valena said. "We added the cow because we thought it would be charming and the university [has] its roots in agriculture. So we had a beautiful cow and the food service people did a naming event. The best name was Milk Huddleston. We thought that was hilarious."

According to Holloway Commons Area Manager Deborah Scanlon, the naming contest was for the Harvest Celebration in recognition of UNH's 150-year anniversary.

"The library had some cutouts that they were displaying as a result of the 150 [year celebration]," Scanlon said. "We said 'let's make this a little more interactive.' We really wanted the students to be a part of it."

The contest was run through both social media and onsite at last semester's Harvest Dinner at Holloway Commons where a ballot box was provided for name suggestions. Participants could also provide their proposals via Twitter with the hashtag #NameTheUNHCow.

"There were over 200 people that put names in," Scanlon said.

"The winner received a prize. It ended up that the cow got named Milk Huddleston."

The winners were juniors Edie Allard and Ashley Prokop.

"It was Ashley's idea basically," Allard said.

"We were at the Harvest Dinner and we saw it on Twitter that it came up 'NameTheUNH Cow' and we said, 'Let's do this. Let's submit a name for it.' We were just pitching funny names and I said well let's name it after the president or something like that so that way it has a connection," Prokopik said. "They actually called [President] Mark Huddleston and got it approved through him."

Scanlon confirmed Huddleston's approval.

"We always make sure that the university is completely aware of everything that we're doing. [Huddleston] supports everything that we're doing," Scanlon said.

Allard added, "The people who coordinated the naming contest messaged me on Twitter and told me they picked our name. They took a photo of us with the cow but they also gave us this awesome cookie cake, bottles of milk, free t-shirts and buttons for us and our friends."

After the cow's disappearance, Special Collections plastered the Dimond Library doors and walls with "missing cow" posters. They showed Milk Huddleston's head on the side of a milk carton, in reference to old missing children ads. The posters

also included a note asking it to be returned.

Since the posters were up during J-Term, most members of the university community had no idea that the cow was missing. Even those who were familiar with the naming competition were unaware of the disappearance, as both Allard and Prokopik said they had no idea that cutout had gone missing.

"I'm sad about it. We took very good care of her here," Scanlon added. "Wild-E. Cat was taken on a weekend getaway at one point. We identified the person; the student said that Wild E. wanted to go out during the weekend."

"I assume somebody took it during the wee hours of the morning when there's not many people in the library and they just walked it out the door. I put the word out to facilities, to housing. I didn't want to call the police because we don't want anyone to get in trouble," Valena said. "We just want it back. I put up the posters. We've gotten no leads. Unfortunately it was the end of the semester so not many people saw them."

"I'm sure it was a good time had by all, whatever they did with it, but we'd like it back," Valena added.

If anyone has seen Milk Huddleston, Dale Valena can be reached at dale.valena@unh.edu or at 603-862-1081. Any information on the matter would be appreciated.

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Wildcatalyst Seminar Series continues with ECenter presentations

BY ZERINA BAJRAMOVIC
STAFF WRITER

The Alpha Loft, located in the Peter T. Paul Entrepreneurship Center (ECenter), was turned into a networking space Thursday night as part of the Wildcatalyst Seminar Series.

UNH professor and the department of kinesiology Chair Erik Swartz and UNH alumnus Dave Arnold, spoke at the event and shared with the attendees their inventions and collaborative efforts.

The series of events was formerly known as the Catalyst Seminar Series and is hosted by UNH Innovation each month of the academic year. These events are held in order to promote networking and a meeting space for innovators, entrepreneurs and service providers. Those who attend the seminars are encouraged to ask questions and share their own experiences in their respective fields.

Following the theme of “A Conversation about...” last Thursday’s networking event was specifically dedicated to talking about technology.

The hour-long event entailed a presentation of the two men’s innovations and a look into their collaboration with each other. The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer session and an opportu-

nity to network afterwards with snacks and alcoholic beverages for those over the age of 21.

Swartz spoke of his invention “HuTT,” a helmet-less tackling program for football teams that teaches players to tackle properly and safely. Swartz explained that the sport of football is in a concussion crisis due to players learning to tackle with their heads. He hypothesized that training the players without helmets would instill the skill through the repetition of moves and actions involving the vulnerability of the head. Upon explaining HuTT, Swartz explained how Arnold’s company, Retrieve, helped him with his own technology.

“We think this is the next evolution of being able to deliver asynchronous text.”

—DAVE ARNOLD
FOUNDER OF RETRIEVE

Retrieve is what Arnold calls a professional communication platform that allows for businesses to communicate their information. Retrieve’s website

reads, “We provide the tools that allow you to organize your videos, pictures, text and documents into an easily consumable package.”

Arnold compared his platform to a professional YouTube in terms of content and iTunes in terms of Retrieve’s business model.

“We think this is the next evolution of being able to deliver asynchronous text,” Arnold said.

E-books, iTunes, YouTube and apps in general were all sources that Arnold looked at while developing and improving his own vision for Retrieve.

Local New Hampshire businesses and companies such as Pats Peak, New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Merriam Vineyards and even HuTT are currently using Retrieve’s services.

Swartz explained how coaching football and any sport in general carries with it the fact that coaches often times gather information and new techniques through conversations and amateur videos found online, but can sometimes lack actual backed up research, which is why HuTT is so different and is able to benefit from Retrieve’s services.

Retrieve was able to bring their cameras to record the players that were participating in Swartz’ research, they would shoot the helmet-less tackling using multiple angles in order



ZERINA BAJRAMOVIC/STAFF

The sign outside of Madbury Commons displays the offices located within, including UNH Innovation’s headquarters.

to provide narration using UNH Football’s manual to post on their platform.

Users of the app are then able to communicate with Swartz and record themselves executing the drill. They then send it to Swartz, who reviews it for accuracy and safety and send it back to the player with corrections. This allows for “oversight,” according to Swartz.

“This quality assurance through Retrieve must be done for licensing [certification],” Swartz said. This is done in order

for coaches to use HuTT safely, as that is Swartz’ main concern.

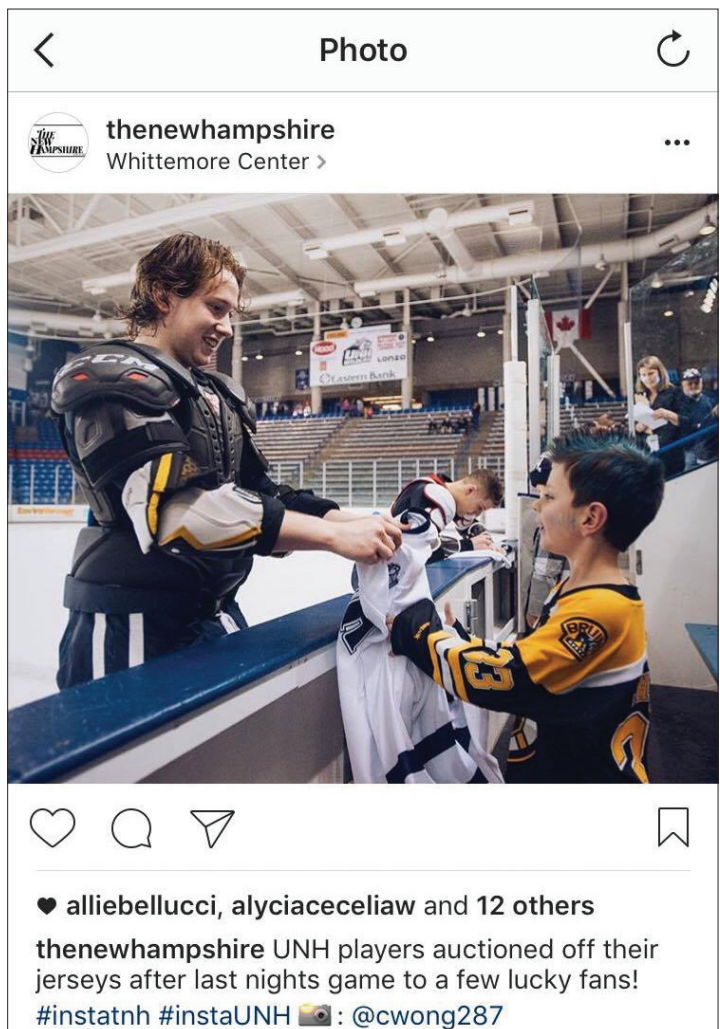
At the end of the hour, the event turned from presentation to discussion and audience members asked questions, which included questions about the companies’ long-term plans and accessibility from users.

Arnold called Retrieve “dynamic” because of the simplicity of adding information to each video or virtual book when appropriate and necessary.

“Over time the book gets more intelligent,” he said.

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Former high school teacher gets laughs as UNH opening night comedian

BY ALEX LAROZA
STAFF WRITER

Former high school English teacher and current comedian Jay Black performed in the Strafford Room of the Memorial Union Building (MUB) on Monday, Jan. 23 as the opening night comedian for the spring semester. Though Black was the main entertainment of the night, fellow New Jersey comedian Troy Moore, along with UNH's own Improv Anonymous opened the show.

"We do improv shows every Thursday night at 9 p.m. in the MUB Entertainment Center," producer of Improv Anonymous Rebecca Bishop said. "We'll be doing second semester auditions in a couple of weeks, and ads will be going up around campus, so keep your eyes peeled."

According to Memorial Student Union Activities Assistant Director Dave Zamansky, it has become routine for a comedian to

come the night before classes start each semester.

"Jay Black came probably about four or five years ago, and he's really huge on the college circuit," Zamansky said. "And a lot of his routine really centers on how he was a high school English teacher 10 years ago, and then he quit to be in comedy and he hasn't stopped since."

Black initially got into comedy to impress the woman whom he ended up marrying, but he didn't start performing stand-up comedy full time until 2007.

"I was a high school teacher, so I was just [going to] do [comedy] like building birdhouses on the side, it was just [going to] be a hobby," Black said. "But I started getting good at it, and I started making more money doing stand-up than teaching."

Personal inadequacy and self-depreciation were reoccurring themes throughout Black's set, and he illustrated the notion that laughter is the best medicine

"Part of being an artist in any medium is to be an observer. You're on the outskirts looking at how people interact with each other, and what are you trying to do? You're trying to figure it out, because you can't do that."

JAY BLACK

COMEDIAN AND FORMER HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER

to overcome hardships and personal issues.

"We all have adaptive processes to get us through life. Some people can process pain by thinking about the other person, having empathy and then letting go, and others make a joke out of it," Black said. "And especially at a college, where you're still sort of figuring it all out and a lot of you are dealing with depression and angst, to have somebody maybe go through the same things and come out the other side and be able to go 'Well, it still hurts,

but it's also funny,' that's helpful."

According to Black, being an outsider and thinking differently are essential to the work of any artist.

"You can't be an artist if you're also engaged in the moment," Black said. "Part of being an artist in any medium is to be an observer. You're on the outskirts looking at how people interact with each other, and what are you trying to do? You're trying to figure it out, because you can't do that."

Those interested in Black's

work can learn more at www.jay-black.tv, and can also watch him in the film "Meet My Valentine," available on Netflix. As for those aspiring to become comedians themselves, Black has two pieces of advice.

"One line of advice: don't get into comedy," he said. "Second line of advice: talk when you're on stage like you're the person on the Titanic that knows where the life raft is. Whatever you say in public should be infused with that same level of enthusiasm that what you're saying is important."

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Proposed bill allows drivers to show ‘Cat pride

MARK KOBZIK
STAFF WRITER

A new state bill, which allows for alumni, students and supporters of the University of New Hampshire to buy their own decal plates with the university logo on it, has just passed the Senate Transportation Committee and will go to the full senate for consideration.

The New Hampshire plate would be slightly altered to make space for the logo, but no specified plans have been made for what the plate will look like. Eventually, 501(c) (3)'s non-profit organizations approved by the state would be allowed to sell their own decal plates as well.

“It’s something that’s been done in other states. It works, it raises money. It reminds the residents of New Hampshire about the importance of the university and I hope it can give more exposure to others about UNH.”

According to UNH Public Affairs Manager Thomas Cronin, the plan for a decal plate has been in the works for a few years. The idea was previously turned down over costs and the constitutionality of how funds would be dispersed.

As of now, there is no cost established for the plates, but

the money raised will go toward the “Fund for New Hampshire Students,” which provides need-based scholarships to state residents attending UNH. The cost of the plate will depend on how much interest is gained by New Hampshire residents once it’s officially announced that the univer-

sity is putting them on sale.

State Senator Dan Innis R-District 24, a co-sponsor of the bill and a professor in the Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics, is confident that it will pass the senate.

“It’s something that’s been done in other states. It works, it

raises money. It reminds the residents of New Hampshire about the importance of the university and I hope it can give more exposure to others about UNH,” Innis said.

Innis mentioned his alma mater (Ohio University) and the success of decal plates in that state. He noted that the program raised money and gave a sense of pride for the university. He still has his plate with the Ohio University mascot, the bobcat.

The vote by the transportation committee, which Cronin called, “a great first step,” moves the bill along. When the senate meets next week, the bill will come to a vote where it will either fail like past initiatives or become closer to law.

DAN INNIS
DISTRICT 24 STATE SENATOR

TNH’s 2nd annual **VALENTINE’S DAY** *love letters*



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NH BRIEF

PROGRAM AIMS TO HELP VICTIMS OF OPIOID CRISIS

LEBANON, N.H. – Coordinated, compassionate care is the goal of a new program designed to help mothers and babies affected by northern New England’s opioid crisis.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock’s Perinatal Addiction Treatment Program is using a grant from the March of Dimes to create an online toolkit for hospitals and health centers that want consistent guidelines and a systematic approach to care. For example, the toolkit includes consent forms that enable a patient’s addiction treatment provider and medical care team to share information and work together.

“Providers were saying, ‘I feel like my patients have two different health care teams they have their addiction treatment provider and they have their perinatal health care team, and the two don’t talk to each other. This is not a safe situation,’” said project coordinator Daisy Goodman.

Officials estimate about 10 percent of newborns in New Hampshire’s Upper Connecticut Valley region are exposed to opioids before birth. While that number has increased, knowledge about how to treat them also has significantly improved, Goodman said.

“We’ve done some hard thinking about treatment versus a punitive approach,” she said. “I hope we’re moving as a nation in the direction of treatment and support and healing.”

Participating sites include Dartmouth-Hitchcock clinics in Lebanon, Claremont and New London; Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, Memorial Hospital in Conway, Manchester Health Center and Maine’s Waldo County General Hospital. Several other hospitals also are interested in using the toolkits but haven’t yet signed agreements to do so, officials said.

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"Ugly Jeff." - Zack

"Phil Milkelson." - Brian

"Cereal." - Andrew

"Milly, like Mill Road in Durham." - Allie

NH BRIEFS

MYSTERY OF MISSING MASS. STUDENT CONTINUES

LITTLETON, N.H. – It's been nearly 13 years since Maura Murray packed her car, lied to professors about a death in the family and left Massachusetts. The 21-year-old nursing student crashed her car on a rural road in northern New Hampshire and then disappeared.

Since then, some North Country residents have been keeping up the search for her. They are holding a remembrance and informational event in Littleton on Feb. 11.

The *Caledonian Record* reports John Smith, of Bethlehem, who has been investigating the case, said the idea is to bring the community together to learn more about the search efforts. He said members of the Maura Murray Podcast will attend. It's being held at the Littleton VFW because

Murray had been a West Point cadet, and Littleton veterans want to recognize that, Smith said.

The University of Massachusetts student left her Amherst campus on the afternoon of Feb. 9, 2004. She was last seen along route 112 in North Haverhill.

Last year, a petition was launched to encourage the FBI to take a more active role in the case.

Murray's father, Fred Murray, and some investigators believe Maura just wanted to get away for a few days. They think she was a victim of a crime.

An investigator said before she left, she called several lodgings, and directions to Burlington, Vermont, were in her car.

BILL REQUIRES CERTAIN OFFICERS TO WEAR CAMERAS

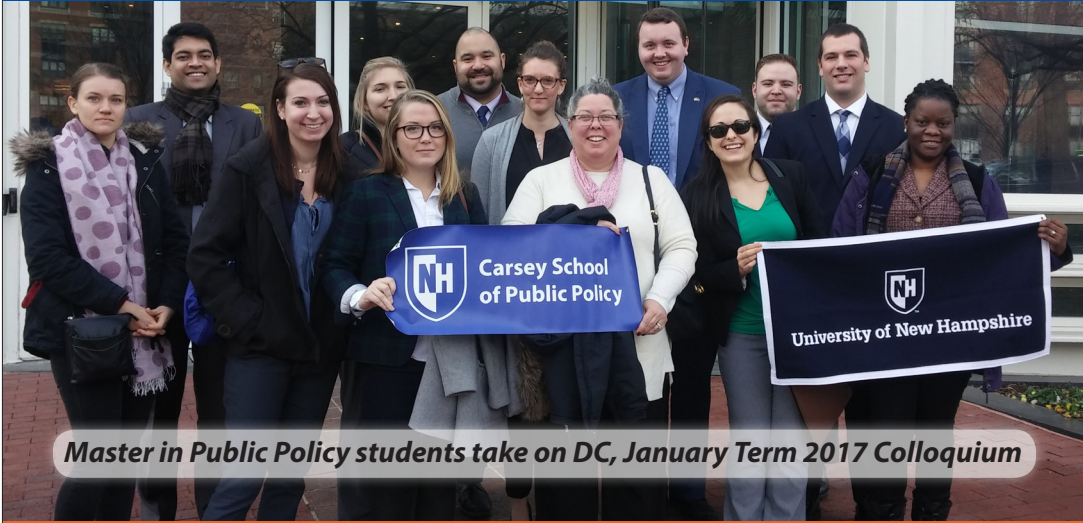
CONCORD, N.H. – The debate over whether the police should wear body cameras is back before New Hampshire lawmakers.

A bill up Tuesday for a hearing would require any officer who is the subject of a "substantiated complaint" based on their job conduct to wear a body camera. The cameras would be paid for by upping the penalty assessment on court fines to 27 percent.

New Hampshire doesn't require police to wear body cameras. But there are guidelines and procedures in place if local departments choose to use them. The debate over body cameras has heated up nationwide as the focus on officer-involved shootings increases.

The New Hampshire State Police use dashboard cameras in some of their vehicles.

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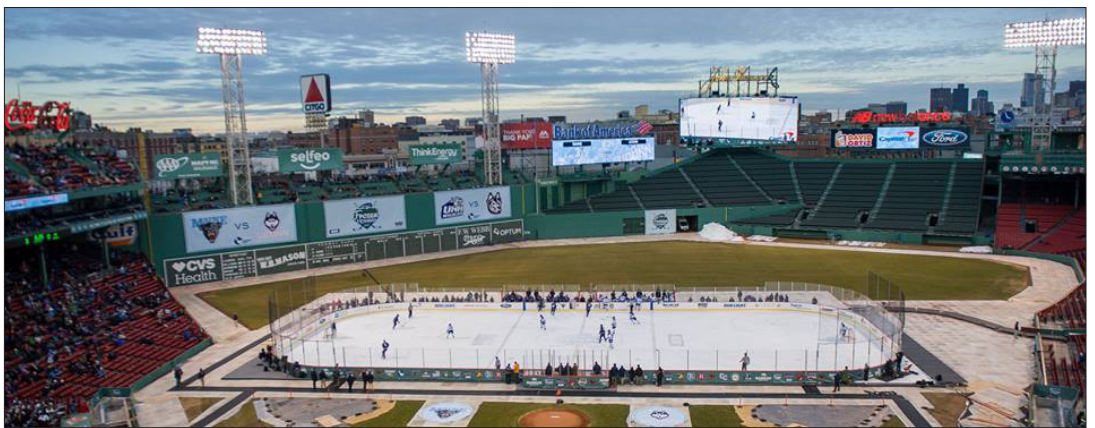
On Jan. 14, TNH staff members Brian Dunn and Ben Nawn broadcasted alongside UNH alum Parker Wheeler during the 'Cats vs. Northeastern Huskies game at Fenway.

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“ I have to say getting the opportunity to broadcast the Frozen Fenway game was a once in a lifetime experience. I live very close to Fenway, I've grown up going to Red Sox games and loving the atmosphere my whole life. To be able to sit up top at the booth and get to call that game was incredibly rewarding. It was a great broadcast and I couldn't have asked for a better experience.”

*Brian Dunn
TNH Sports Editor, WUNH Broadcaster*



“ As a young kid admiring Red Sox past and present announcers such as Don Orsillo and Joe Castiglione, it was a dream come true broadcasting a live hockey game from a museum such as Fenway Park. Sure, the game may have not resulted in a win nor had the same vibe to it as a Red Sox game in the summer, but I know I was blessed to have the rare opportunity to do so. As an aspiring broadcaster at 22, I can say I achieved a lifelong dream already. Frozen Fenway and UNH athletics made that dream possible. It was a moment I'll cherish and never forget. Until next time, Fenway.”

*Ben Nawn
WUNH Sports Director, TNH Sports Writer*



NH BRIEFS

NH'S 2 US SENATORS CRITICAL OF TRUMP PLAN

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) – New Hampshire's two Democratic United States senators are criticizing President Donald Trump's order banning from the country refugees and citizens from a number of Muslim-majority nations.

In a statement released Saturday, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen says the president's executive order is "un-American and grossly inhumane." She says the United States is a nation of immigrants and refugees from Syria in particular are fleeing

violence and oppression.

Sen. Maggie Hassan says the president's order imposing a religious test on entry into the U.S., "runs counter to the fundamental values" of America. She says it will also make the country less-safe.

Hassan calls it "disgraceful" that Trump's executive actions would turn away brave men and women who have risked their lives to serve as interpreters for American service members in Iraq and Afghanistan.

MISSING SNOWMOBILER FOUND SAFE IN ME

PITTSBURG, N.H. (AP) – Officials say a 24-year-old snowmobiler who went missing in New Hampshire has been found safe in Maine after he spent the night in the woods.

John Bessette was last seen around noon Saturday in Pittsburg, New Hampshire, riding a green snowmobile at the East Inlet parking lot.

Fish and game officers in New Hampshire and Maine combed areas of New Hamp-

shire and Maine looking for him. He was found near Maine's Rump Mountain.

WMUR-TV reports Bessette was uninjured. He kept warm overnight by running the snowmobile.

Saturday and Sunday were part of the Tri-State Snowmobile Weekend, which allows snowmobiles legally registered in Vermont, New Hampshire or Maine to operate in the other states.

SNOWMOBILERS CAN ROAM ME, NH AND VT

PITTSBURG, N.H. (AP) – Snowmobilers from across northern New England are able to enjoy the adjoining states this weekend without having to register their sleds in the other states.

The Tri-State Snowmobile Weekend allows snowmobiles legally registered in Vermont,

New Hampshire or Maine to operate in the other states.

For the Saturday and Sunday exchange riders must follow all of the laws and rules of the states they visit, including Vermont's mandatory liability insurance, safety education certification and youth operation requirements.

COLLEGE STUDENT DIES, FALLS FROM BRIDGE

HOLDERNESS, N.H. (AP) – Police in the New Hampshire town of Holderness say a 20-year-old college student is dead after a fall from a bridge.

Holderness police say 20-year-old Justin Sault of Keene, New Hampshire, was one of three Plymouth State College students walking

across the Dicenzo Bridge around 2 a.m. Saturday when he climbed onto the bridge railing, before slipping and falling to the ice below.

He was pronounced dead at the scene of the fall.

Police say "it appears that alcohol was a factor in this tragic accident."

POLICE CHASE LEADS TO FALL THROUGH IN ICE

MILTON, N.H. (AP) – Police say a man fleeing police in New Hampshire fell through an ice-covered pond, followed by two state troopers and a police dog.

Troopers came to their aid Thursday night in Milton. They used a rope to pull out 39-year-old Jeremy Hovey Leclair, of Kittery, Maine, and arrested him on reckless conduct and other charges. He faced arraignment Friday; it wasn't immediately known if he had lawyer.

New Hampshire state police heard word from Kittery police that the pickup attempted to force a police cruiser off the road, then drove away. Similar actions were reported in Eliot, Maine, and Dover, New Hampshire. Police later said Hovey Leclair's 4-year-old son was with him; the boy wasn't hurt.

Troopers followed the pickup from a distance and set up a tire deflation device. Hovey Leclair got out and ran onto the pond.

Sushi restaurant replaces smoothie bar in Union Court



AARON SOROA/STAFF

(Left) The Sushi with Gusto menu features multiple varieties of sushi rolls that are freshly made. (Right) An employee on site poses with some samples.

BY AARON SOROA
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, the Memorial Union Building's (MUB) Union Court debuted its newest culinary addition: Sushi with Gusto. The sushi restaurant now occupies the space previously used by the smoothie bar, Freshens.

The grand opening was held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the University of New Hampshire's website advertised the event stating, "There will be sampling, giveaways, a sushi-prize spin wheel, and more!" While many fans of Freshens were upset to hear that it was replaced, a new community of Sushi with Gusto fans emerged.

Sushi with Gusto prides itself in its fresh sushi, as their

"Promise of Quality" reads, "Sushi with Gusto takes tremendous pride in offering the best-tasting sushi on the market. Our sushi is prepared on-site daily by skilled chefs trained personally by our executive chef to ensure that we consistently deliver the freshest, highest-quality sushi at every Sushi with Gusto location."

There is a chef on site making new sushi throughout the day, as well as special orders. The customer can also grab "to-go" sushi packages from the fridges located in front of the new vendor.

I enjoy eating sushi, and was excited when I first heard that UNH was opening Sushi with Gusto. Unfortunately for people who enjoy eating sushi, Durham only has a limited amount of options: Mei Wei, Hannaford supermarket and Holloway Commons

(HoCo) if you go on Mondays for sushi night. In comparison to the other options available throughout campus, Sushi with Gusto takes the lead on my personal list. I was able to try the "TunaCado Roll" which consists of raw tuna, avocado, brown rice and seaweed. For only \$7 I was able to enjoy nine pieces of fresh sushi, which is a generous amount when it comes to sushi rolls.

Some students were upset that they had no say in the switch over of Freshens to Sushi with Gusto, mainly because they favored the smoothie spot. Other students were excited that they could enjoy a new option for lunch. Despite both arguments, I think that students will adjust with the change and grow to like Sushi with Gusto.

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Welcome back, Wildcats. Our second semester has begun and although we may walk to class wondering why we are living in a place that hurts our face, it is important to remember that everyday is another opportunity to make improvements in our community, our futures and progress our knowledge and understanding of the world around us. And by the way, the snow does eventually melt.

I am rarely at a loss for words, it's the one thing that has always come naturally to me. But trying to emphasize to you student readers how quickly four years goes by is giving me writer's block because once a mere three years ago, I had seniors telling me the same thing and I really didn't understand. So I have decided to share some goals that I wish I had established my first day of freshman year, and maybe, just maybe, you will take them to heart.

An academic education can only go so far. We are all here as very fortunate individuals pursuing a degree of higher education, and this privilege should never be taken for granted.

Join the club you were interested in first semester and never went to. Take the next step in becoming a more prominent figure in the community you are a part of. Push past your comfort zone because now is the time to expand and test your abilities. College is the perfect opportunity to find yourself, and everyday UNH

presents moments to become a leader. One of the best things I have discovered about UNH are the advantages of living in a small community where making a difference or presence is available to all students. And, one of the best things I have seen so many fellow seniors overcome is being afraid and doubting themselves. This is the semester you decide to be brave.

48 months, 1,460 days, 35,040 hours, or however you want to look at four years dwindles down the second you set foot on campus.

Although it is easy to get swept up into life in Durham, it is important to remember that Durham is just a small town in a really big world. Being invested and engaged in your surroundings is important but it is equally as important to save time to read about what is happening in the world. Our country is going through a very critical time in history and

we are the next generation to lead and represent the nation. Being well educated and knowledgeable of every side of every issue is crucial to the future and everyone is responsible to do so.

An academic education can only go so far. We are all here as very fortunate individuals pursuing a degree of higher education,

and this privilege should never be taken for granted. We are living in an environment that is very different from the rest of the world. Spending this time to improve our comfort in involving ourselves in our community, as well as consciously spending time reading and listening to as many opinions and ideas as possible to broaden our understandings of unique and opposing personalities, stances

and individuals we will encounter throughout our lives is crucial to not only develop ourselves as individuals, but as a generation.

Forty eight months, 1,460 days, 35,040 hours, or however you want to look at four years dwindles down the second you set foot on campus. Weeks fly by and before you know it, the countdown of only four more months until your days as a student are over is here. And although your time in Durham may come to an end, the world does not stop turning and there is not time to look back and regret the opportunities you didn't take, the stories you never read or the people you never listened to. Your time is now, the ice is melting.

Best,

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The first 7 days

President Donald Trump came to political significance questioning the birth place of former President Barack Obama. I think few media outlets focused on this enough during the campaigns and, now that he is our president, it is only more sickening. His rise to prominence in our political atmosphere was racism and continues to be. Trump shows no shame or empathy and it may lead to an early impeachment.

President Trump has had a bad first week. The worst approval ratings for a week one commander in chief in modern American history, and it continues to plummet. He signs the Republican agenda into law, smiles, and rejects the fact that Obama had a bigger inauguration attendance. What should only concern a narcissistic fool concerns our president.

The man who, with a push of a button, could blow this country and world to dust, is more worried about his crowd size than leading the nation. During an interview with David Muir, who challenged him on the question of the inauguration and the wild accusations by Trump of mass voter fraud, Trump continued to lie boldly and without any hesitation.

His cronies go on CNN, Fox News and MSNBC to lie for him. Kellyanne Conway coined the Orwellian term “alternative facts” over the question of Sean Spicer’s disastrous press conference. Trump, who is at the head of the most powerful military force, most important economy and the power to turn around climate change, is simply so self-involved that we are becoming more infatuated with him as a character than we are the deadly plans the GOP wishes to implement.

The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists announced we are 30 seconds closer to the end of our species. The clock hasn’t been changed in over 60 years. There are reasons, aside from repro-



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Mark Kobzik

ductive rights, that the Women’s March gathered together more than two million people to march against the raging totalitarianism of the right wing: this is life or death.

The Republican agenda has never been about freedom or liberty, it is about white rage and business elites propagating working and middle class citizens to hate change, to fear the potential good of government and to ignore the warnings of scientists. The war on science, women, the social safety net and minorities has been a long war, but the conservatives are now primed to win it. They hold all the branches of government and don’t have any intention of stopping the real threats we face as both a nation and a species.

President Trump is using executive power like most past presidents have done. The same orders Mitt Romney would’ve signed had he won in 2012, arrived onto Trump’s desk. The Republican donors usually don’t care who sits in the White House. It can be a B-list movie star, a mediocre one-term president, a C student out of Yale, or what we have now: a celebrity billionaire. Grover Norquist, a tax reform activist and influential voice in Washington said a few years ago, “We just need a president to sign this stuff. We don’t need someone to think it up or design it.”

This stuff will fundamentally change the operations of government. Paul Ryan’s budget

plan is to destroy Social Security (possibly privatize), Medicaid, Medicare and food stamps. Ryan wants to further cut taxes on the wealthy and that burden will land on us. The Ryan plan will surely repeal Obamacare and they’ve had years to come up with a replacement. Where is it? Yeah Obamacare isn’t perfect, but it saves lives. End of story. We need to improve it, not voucherize it or do the risk pool scheme which doesn’t work.

Look at Trump’s nominees for the Department’s most powerful in government. We have billionaire Betsy Devos, who has spent her empire of money on charter schools in Michigan, spreading Christian extremism and funding gay conversion therapy. Sounds like a nice lady.

Next we have Rex Tillerson, the former CEO of Exxon Mobil. I thought we were at least supposed to pretend that exploiting other countries natural resources wasn’t our main foreign policy goal. From purely a climate change scenario this is worst case. Trump has repeatedly denied the existence of climate change and Republicans, for the most part, support that.

Do we really need a Secretary of State who worked at the largest oil company in the world and is at the behest of someone like Trump? This spells disaster for many climate change initiatives, but not for the Koch Brothers and other billionaires.

Trump has shown little hesitance in supporting the Republican agenda or draining the swamp. He hired them as his cabinet and White House staff. The other nominees for Treasury and the EPA are there to destroy the department’s basic functions, not help it. It’s end of week one. The Women’s March is the best thing to happen for American politics in some time and Saturday night’s protests against the Muslim ban prove we are not reflective of our leaders. We are a decent country. We will carry on.

THUMBS UP

THUMBS DOWN



Thumbs up to being back at UNH.



Thumbs down to having homework again.



Thumbs up to campus renovations.



Thumbs down to graduating before Ham Smith is finished.



Thumbs up to the Patriots being in the Super Bowl.



Thumbs down to spending the weekend before with no football.



Thumbs up to (the missing) Milk Huddleston.



Thumbs down to it not being named Milk Udderston.



Thumbs up to new shoes.



Thumbs down to winter weather destroying them.

Thumbs up/Thumbs down represents the collective opinion of *The New Hampshire*’s staff and does not necessarily represent the opinion of the student body. But it more than likely does.

Letter to the Editor

‘Beyond dispiritng’

It’s beyond dispiritng that TNH neglected to fact-check this story, or to speak with the professors involved. For the hundreth time: there was no cabal “calling for expulsion.” One professor used that word, but she did so in a private comment on a private Facebook post (which was screenshot and re-circulated by a conservative website that explicitly targets perceived “liberal bias” in universities). My colleague was expressing genuine grief and fear; and in fact she retains the right to do so, as a private citizen, despite the be-

liefs of the aspiring constitutional scholars represented in TNH’s pages.

For my part, I called for a “conversation” with the masked protestors, not in the service of punishment, but of education. I want these two to know the history of scientific racism dating back to eighteenth century textbooks that placed African-Americans lower down on the evolutionary scale; I want to remind them that on that very morning of Nov. 15, a public official in West Virginia resigned after having called Michelle Obama “an

ape in heels” on Twitter. I want them to hear the responses of many UNH community members to the appearance of that Harambe suit, including one African-American professor who found it a painful “reminder that our very humanity is up for debate.”

If these counter-protesters—and anyone else in this community—can know and hear all of that, and still find it appropriate to attend an anti-racist solidarity march in an ape suit, well then, that is their legal right, just as it is their legal right to

wear a white hood or burn a flag. But (speaking for myself here), I am not sure that canned rhetoric about “free speech” and “bipartisanship” are going to serve us very well if we want UNH to be an intentional, caring and intellectually robust community. I welcome open and honest debate about the president-elect’s position on the TPP, and I welcome honest questions about why the Harambe meme might be problematic. I do not welcome the hate mail I have received for the last three weeks (“f you, you f’ing female body part, why

don’t you just go kill yourself, your Women’s Studies degree is worthless”), and I can’t welcome white supremacy, homophobia or other forms of hate, either. Will TNH be calling for “bipartisanship” when students of color are physically assaulted and harassed (as is already happening)? Where will you be when the deportations start? WHO will you be?

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some really strong swimmers," head coach Josh Willman said. In doing so, Baykova not only continued to improve by pacing the Stanley M. Wallace Pool in the 200-yard freestyle, but also has established herself for the America East Championships as a notable favorite.

For the rest of the Wildcats, the team was able to place first in all seventeen events. Starting in the 200 medley relay, Sarah Broderick, Milana Evsten, Colby Har-

vey and Baykova finished with a time of 1-minute, 46.75-seconds.

Baykova went on to finish first in two other events including the 200 freestyle. She shattered the original pool record with a time of 1:49.64. The original record held was by former Wildcat Sydney Tribou set at the 2013 America East Championships. Her time was 1:50.03.

"Baykova's pool record was a great way to start off the meet," Willman said.

Two other participants of the 200 medley relay, Evsten and Harvey, each won their perspective swim events as well. Evsten

captured the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:05.30 while Harvey swam to a first-place finish in the 100 backstroke with a time of 58.83.

Brittany Moffatt continued her strong season by winning the longest swim event of the day in the 1,000 freestyle with a time of 10:32.63. She also went on to take the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:09.76. That set the tone for other Wildcats such as Vivienne El-Sibay, who took first in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:07.53.

Corinne Carbone and Sarah Olver also found the podium in a convincing win against the Black

Bears. Carbone swam to a first-place finish in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:06.49 and Olver followed with a time of 2:24.76 in the 200 breaststroke. Carbone also went on to win the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:09.08.

In the final relay event, the Wildcats also struck gold with a time of 1:37.24 led by Baykova, Broderick, Kaitlin Cahill and Harvey.

"We used [the meet] to refine some elements of our racing in preparation for America East Championships in two weeks. Most [of] the team hit seasons best which is a good indication of how

taper is going," Willman said.

Erin Cullather also stole the show in the diving events as she took first in both the 1-meter and 3-meter contests. She scored 206.10 points in the 1-meter and 210.07 in the 3-meter.

For UNH, the regular season may have come to a close, but a heavy test now begins with the conference championships right around the corner. The Wildcats next take the pool at the America East Championships at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, a four day event beginning Thursday, Feb. 9 and concluding Sunday, Feb. 12.

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I guess that would be a huge goal for this season," Purrier said of going back to the mile.

After Friday's meet, both teams filled the Paul Sweet Oval for a home meet against Maine and Vermont on Saturday. Both teams had great days coming out with two victories.

The men captured first with 150 points against Maine's 101 and Vermont's 69. UNH had many individual victors, including Alexander Tamulonis in the pole vault, Eric Brogioli in the weight throw, John Cox in the

500-meter, James Busi in the 800m and Ryan Hanley in the 200m.

Senior Andrew McFarland ran an impressive 51.97s in the 500m, capturing first. With limited training while studying abroad first semester, McFarland is happy to be back.

"I don't think I am where I was last year, but I'm getting there. I won last weekend too but this week was better so it feels good building each week." McFarland said on his season thus far.

Head coach Jim Boulanger was pleased with the way his team performed.

"The J-term gives us really too much time off, but felt we had good competition with Holy Cross last week, good competition this week with all events pretty well covered," Boulanger said.

With a score of 149 against Maine's 95 and Vermont's 68, the women's team was also propelled to a victory. Taking first in the 55m hurdles was junior Emma Checovich, who also competed the night before at the Terrier Invitational in Boston, placing seventh in the long jump. Another impressive performance came from Jessica Hackett, who won both the 55m dash in 7.71

seconds and the 200m in 26.67 seconds.

Senior Laura Rose Donegan ran away with the mile in a time of 4:54.51. Donegan spent the winter break training at home in Australia and had to adjust quickly from going from summer to winter.

"I just got back from Australia on Tuesday night so I didn't even know I was racing today until yesterday. And then I wasn't sure if I was going to race but then I decided I should probably just get right back into it. I needed like a 'rust buster' so to speak and I felt good. I definitely have a lot more to give."

Donegan said.

Donegan competed in the NCAA Championships last outdoor season in the steeplechase and is looking to make it there again with teammate Purrier. Grace Slevin also won the pole vault on her birthday. Happy birthday Grace.

Both teams will travel to the University of Rhode Island for another tough competition next weekend.

For more stories on track and field, check out some of Ryan's stories on our website at TNHdigital.com. For more on this weekend's meet, visit UNHathletics.com.

SKIING

Wildcats earns two top-5 finishes at UNH Winter Carnival

BY BRET BELDEN
STAFF WRITER

UNH hosted the second Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association (EISA) event this weekend, placing third overall thanks to strong performances by Geneviève Frigon, Lisa Wedsjö, Phil Rivet and Peter Holmes. Frigon improved from a tenth-place finish on the Jan 21 St. Lawrence Carnival to sixth place (2:02.01, 37 points) in the Slalom event at Cannon Mountain.

Frigon didn't represent UNH women's slalom alone. In 13th place was Lisa Wedsjö (2:05.62, 28 points) with freshman Emma Woodhouse finishing less than a second thereafter (2:06.41, 26 points). Woodhouse placed 19th in the St. Lawrence Carnival and improved to 16th this Saturday at Cannon Mountain.

The men's slalom team did their part and served as a healthy contributor to the third place overall finish. Phil Rivet, Tönis Luik and Chris Steinke represented the best of those UNH men's slalom skiers. Rivet, who finished first in the Grand Slalom at Colby College last year, is consistently among the team's top performers.

UNH's excellence in the alpine events served as a buffer for a somewhat struggling Freestyle team at Jackson Touring Center. In the women's 15-kilometer freestyle MS and men's 20k freestyle MS, the 'Cats' finished in fourth and seventh place, respectively. Top Wildcats Lizzie Gill (ninth place, :44:27.6, 31 points) and Peter Holmes led their team-

mates to a respectable finish. Altogether, the team put up 659 points.

Though third place overall is a solid result, the team finished in similar fashion to that of the first ECSA event: behind Dartmouth and UVM by nearly 200 points. In each case, UNH has been at least 100 points ahead of the fourth-place team. They've got plenty of room to work with in either direction, but would surely like to close in on those top teams.

The EISA season continues throughout February and into March. The team will travel to Stowe, Vermont to compete in the Vermont Carnival on Feb. 3-4. Nordic races will take place at the Trapp Family Lodge, and the alpine events will be held at Mount Mansfield Ski Club. The Carnival will start that Friday with the Skate Sprints and Giant Slalom, then continue on Saturday with the Slalom and women's and men's 10k Classic.

UNH will host the 2017 NCAA Skiing Championships for the first time since 2007 and fifth time overall, at Cannon Mountain (alpine) and Jackson Ski Touring Center (Nordic) on March 8-11.

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Next up for the Wildcats is another tri-meet, this time on the road in Washington D.C. against the likes of George Washington University and Ball State University. Goodspeed recognizes

the problems that they may run into next weekend, considering George Washington's strength lies in the vaulting category, but going into next weekend the goal will be to perform stronger in the other events.

"The one place that George Washington has us, where we still need to continue to be work-

ing is vaulting," Goodspeed said. "We're not going to beat them on vaulting, we have to have some more finesse and beat them on all the other events."

The Wildcats will hit the road to take on both George Washington and Ball State Sunday, Feb. 5 at 1 p.m.



CHINA WONG/STAFF

Pflieger took a second-place finish in the balance beam with a score of 9.825.

WILDCATS' INDIVIDUAL SCORES

VAULT BEAM FLOOR BARS

1. Courtney Bondanza (9.750)	1. Casey Lauter (9.850)	1. Meghan Pflieger (9.900)	1. Danielle Mulligan (9.900)
Elizabeth Mahoney (9.750)	2. Meghan Pflieger (9.825)	2. Nicole O'Leary (9.875)	2. Jennifer King (9.775)
3. Nicole O'Leary (9.700)	3. Lia Breeden (9.775)	3. Lexi Calandra (9.775)	3. Jessica Garcia (9.725)
4. Marissa Toci (9.700)	4. Danielle Doolin (9.700)	4. Lia Breeden (9.750)	4. Meghan Pflieger (9.700)
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RECYCLE

MEN'S HOCKEY

Wildcats swept at the Whitt

BY BRIAN DUNN
SPORTS EDITOR

Including the matchup against No. 19 Providence College over the weekend, the next five opponents UNH will face are all currently ranked in the NCAA Division I top-20 as of January 29.

Judging off the performance of the previous two games, the Wildcats certainly have their work cut out for them.

UNH returned to the Whittemore Center and dropped two decisions to the Friars on Friday, Jan. 27 3-0 and Saturday, Jan. 28 3-2. Being outshot 78-50 over the two-game weekend, the 'Cats were forced to play defensive hockey led by goaltender Danny Tirone who saved 72 of 78 shots. The 'Cats were held scoreless for four periods of hockey and struggled to develop any solid offensive momentum on Providence. A late rally in the third period of the second game fell short and the 'Cats walked away empty-handed in terms of conference points.

"We had a difficult time sorting it out, so I give [Providence] credit," head coach Dick Umile said following Saturday's loss. "It's not a great weekend when you get swept. [The Friars] swept UNH here and good for them."

Much of the trouble came from the Friars' blue line defensive presence in the offensive zone. This was on full display when the first goal of the weekend was a slapshot off the stick of Providence's Josh Monk that came with 0.9 seconds left in the first period. From there, the tone was set for Providence to fire away from the blue line, generating numerous shots from the point that gave Tirone and shot-blockers some trouble.

"They win a face-off clean, we don't block a shot and it's in the back of the net with 0.9 seconds left... It wasn't good," senior captain Matias Cleland said in regard to the goal. "We just got to find a way to put pucks in the net."

Ryan Tait would go on to score two insurance goals for the Friars to secure the 3-0 victory in game one and their fifth win in conference. In need of a solid response the following night, the 'Cats kept the Friars at bay by playing a scoreless first period while posting five shots on Friars goaltender Hayden Hawkey. After an opening goal from Brian Pinho, Tyler Kelleher, one of the nation's leading scorers, once again found the goal column with a power play tally at 18:16 in the second period.

The 'Cats found themselves down again as two Friars goals put the visitors up 3-1 with a few minutes to spare. A Wildcat rally ensued behind a Whittemore Center crowd and the 'Cats were on the verge of a breakthrough when Patrick Grasso gave the 'Cats life and cut the deficit to one with 40 seconds remaining. Ultimately, it was not enough as the 'Cats ended winless on the weekend.

"We have a lot of experience in our room and we have the older guys telling us 'you know what? You can't grip your sticks any tighter because it's not going to help you,'" Grasso said on the offensive struggles. "We were able to break through [Saturday night], not as much as we wanted to but we got next week."

With ranked opponent Boston College on the horizon, the 'Cats will need to find a way to create offense and generate a solid attack to contend with the heavy competition ahead.

"We're playing unbelievable hockey teams the rest of the way here so we got to start creating more offense," Kelleher said after Saturday's loss.

The 'Cats are back in action at the Whittemore Center on Friday, Feb. 3 when they take on the Eagles at 7 p.m.



CHINA WONG/STAFF

(Top) Gnarlz gets the Whittemore Center crowd pumped up before the opening puck drop. (Bottom) Senior forward Tyler Kelleher scored his 15th goal of the season on Saturday.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

UNH silenced by Northeastern



CHINA WONG/STAFF

Sophomore Marie-Jo Pelletier and the Wildcats were shut-out for the third time this season on Saturday.

BY CHRIS BOKUM
STAFF WRITER

While the majority of UNH undergrads were on winter break, the women's ice hockey team remained grounded in Durham with an impressive month of hockey that has landed them fourth in the Hockey East standings.

Returning to play on Jan. 6, the Wildcats had posted a 3-2-0 record in the month of January while going 3-1-0 in Hockey East play, including two lopsided wins over rival Maine.

One thing that didn't change over break was Jonna Curtis' dominance.

Curtis posted eight points (four goals, four assists) in just two games last week and a six-point performance (three goals, three assists) last Saturday, Jan 22.

But on Saturday afternoon at the Whittemore Center, Northeastern made Curtis a non-factor in a 6-0 rout.

"I think the first goal that went in took all our confidence away," head coach Hilary Witt said. "We mentally lost it, but the other part of it is, for a long time it was an even game, we just weren't finishing."

Northeastern controlled all phases of the game in the opening period with its speed and defense. The Huskies had UNH playing on its heels and put two goals on the board in the process.

Hayley Scamurra netted the first goal just 39 seconds into the contest. With the 'Cats playing undisciplined, they were sent to the box four times and gave Denisa Krizova of Northeastern a slap shot opportunity from the point on the man advantage at 19:18 to lead 2-0 at intermission.

"The first goal was a bad turnover," Witt said. "Tough way to start the game. The second goal, the five-on-three, we took some silly penalties we didn't need to take."

The Huskies kept their foot on the gas in the second.

Surviving a penalty kill, Northeastern came right back with energy rushing the UNH zone. Kasidy Anderson beat Hilary Cashin with a wrist shot that went stick-side high, putting the Huskies up 3-0 at 14:35.

More importantly, Northeastern had contained Curtis. They limited her to just one shot through two periods, drew a penalty and scored twice with her on the ice.

"First shift wasn't great and we kind of got our heads down after that," Curtis said. "Second period was a little better but we weren't playing our game. We weren't able to come back."

Anderson continued where she left off in the third for Northeastern, driving home a slap shot off the faceoff at 1:05 to put her team up 4-0. At 12:46, Matti Hartman received a cross-ice pass near the slot from Christina Zalewski and beat Cashin stick-side high once again to solidify the win and the two points in the Hockey East standings.

With the win, Northeastern remains in second in the Hockey East standings with 26 points, while UNH remains in fourth with 17 points. Both teams trail by large margins behind first place Boston College at 32 points.

UNH will next play back-to-back matchups against Vermont on the road starting Friday. With Vermont falling to UConn on Saturday, UNH remains neck and neck in the Hockey East standings with the Catamounts.

Both UNH and Vermont are knotted up at 17 points and fourth place in the Hockey East standings, making this weekend's pair of games even more meaningful.

"We got to shake it off," Witt said. "We have to move on and keep our heads up."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

'Cats win 12 straight, hold firm lead atop America East

BY SAM ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

The UNH Wildcats have caught fire and, after another comeback win, a 60-50 victory over the University of Maryland-Baltimore County Retrievers, the 'Cats have extended their winning streak to 12.

Junior Kat Fogarty led the Wildcats, notching 12 points and 11 rebounds. Fellow classmate and forward Carlie Pogue tallied 16 points.

Junior guards Aliza Simpson and Olivia Healy combined for 20 points and 10 rebounds. The 'Cats shot 39 percent from the field and went 6-17 for a 35 percent three-point field goal percentage.

The Wildcats have matched last year's entire win total during this 12 game win streak and already have more wins this season (18) than they did in each of the last two years.

After starting the season 1-2, the Wildcats have gone on an unprecedented 17-1 run and have won 12 games in a row. This win streak has even more meaning as

UNH is 8-0 in conference play sitting atop the America East standings with a comfortable three-game lead over Hartford, Albany and Binghamton, whom are all tied for second at 5-3.

The Wildcats defeated Albany by 13, Binghamton by eight and Hartford by eight in their first meeting with each team. UNH has never won the America East and never advanced to the NCAA tournament, but the recent success of the Wildcats proves to be a strong campaign for a championship run. The strong junior class of Fogarty, Pogue, Simpson and Brittnei Lai gained another member with the addition of University of Richmond transfer, Olivia Healy over the semester break.

Healy has played seven games with her new squad, averaging 11 points a game and 29 minutes a game. Healy adds another threat to this potent New Hampshire offense giving opposing defenses another Wildcat to worry about.

Forwards Pogue and Fogarty are averaging 15 and 11 points a game this season, respectively. Lai has been leading the 'Cats in



CHINA WONG/STAFF

Junior forward Carlie Pogue scored 16 points in the 60-50 victory over UMBC on Saturday.

minutes played, playing in 34 of 40 minutes per game. The dominance of the front court during conference play has been a major

contributor to the 'Cats' historic success thus far this season. The 'Cats will face Albany and Hartford on the road in their second

meetings in the coming weeks, two important matchups that will have America East playoff implications at stake.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Leissner heats up as UNH tops Lowell, falls at UMBC

BY DANIEL CLARE
STAFF WRITER

Like the Wildcats' season itself, the games played on Wednesday and Saturday marked an inconsistent pattern of feel-good highs and devastating lows.

On Wednesday Jan. 25, the Wildcats squared off against America East foe the University of Massachusetts Lowell River Hawks where UNH beat UMass 80-71. This was UNH's third straight victory since its 71-59 loss at the hands of the University of Vermont on Jan. 16.

UNH's next game would come on Saturday, Jan. 28. UNH failed to keep the win streak alive as they lost to UMBC 105-103 in a double overtime heartbreaker for the Wildcats.

With the inconsistency as a team, the one steady factor for the Wildcats that they could lean on is that of the play from Tanner Leissner.

The key to the Wildcats victory on Wednesday was their staggering numbers at the free-throw line. The 'Cats sunk 25-30 free throws which dwarfed Lowell's three of nine total. The player that led the way for UNH was junior forward Leissner, who tied for a game and team-high 24 points, with half coming from the foul line after going a perfect 12-12.

That would prove crucial as the overall stat sheet for both UNH and UMass Lowell were near even across the board in almost every single important team stat. Both the Wildcats and River Hawks shot above 50 percent from the field, making 51.7 percent and 54.5 percent of their shots, respectively.

The teams were almost even

in the rebounding and three-point categories with UNH grabbing 28 rebounds and shooting 35.3 percent from beyond the arc. Meanwhile, the River Hawks grabbed 29 rebounds and shot 41.2 percent from three.

"We always struggled to put the ball in the basket here. I think we are shooting high percentages because we have an inside game now," head coach Bill Herrion said about his team's great shooting night. "[Leissner] and Iba [Camara] go 12-15 combined and Jaleen [Smith] gets a lot of layups. On top of that, we are getting the right people fouled. We are just playing great offensive basketball."

Added with the stellar shooting night, UNH pulled away with good defensive rotation and stifling defense from junior forward Camara, who finished one point shy of a double-double with nine points and 12 rebounds.

"Having [Camara] play better is great. He is such a great player and if he can stay out of foul trouble and keep being a go-to player in the post, it'll make everybody's life easier," Leissner said of Camara's impact on the team in the second half. "Having that next person step up, especially us, it'll be great for us especially in conference play."

Added with Camara's play and free throws, UNH led 75-64 with 2:13 left in the game for the largest lead of the game. It proved to be enough as the game finished with an 80-71 victory for the Wildcats. However, events would be different when the team traveled to Baltimore to face UMBC.

Even though Leissner set a career high in points with 36 and Camara notched his sixth double-



CHINA WONG/STAFF

Junior forward Tanner Leissner scored 24 points in the victory over UMass Lowell on Wednesday and 36 in the double overtime loss to UMBC on Saturday.

double of the season with a 23 point, 14 rebound performance, the Wildcats still lost.

On two occasions, the Wildcats looked like they had the win in hand but the Retrievers pulled off some late-game heroics to get the win.

UMBC sent the game into the first overtime on Jairus Lyles'

layup with 20 seconds left in regulation. Toward the end of the first overtime, the Wildcats led 92-89 after two Leissner free throws, but UMBC's Will Darley hit a desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into a second overtime. Then in the second overtime, UNH again had the lead as they built a 99-94 lead with 2:49 left,

but the Retrievers went on an 11-4 run to end the game thus sealing the loss for the Wildcats.

UNH's season record now stands at 14-8 and 5-3 in America East, which puts them tied for third with UMBC. The 'Cats will stay on the road next as they face Stony Brook on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.

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GYMNASTICS

Protecting the house

'CATS OVERCOME EARLY DEFICIT IN WIN OVER UTAH STATE



CHINA WONG/STAFF

(Top) The team cheers on Meghan Pflieger in one of three events she participated in. (Bottom) Danielle Doolin performs her floor exercise in Sunday's meet, scoring a 9.250.

BY BRIAN DUNN
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off of a strong victory against Eastern Atlantic Gymnastics League (EAGL) rival University of Pittsburgh last weekend, the 'Cats continued their roll in the second home meet of the season.

On Sunday, the Wildcats squared off against a sole opponent of Utah State University. Led by a standout performances from senior Meghan Pflieger, the 'Cats edged out Utah State by a final score of 195.175-194.075. Pflieger took first place in the all around category notching a 39.125, a season high for the Barneveld, N.Y. native. Pflieger also topped the leaderboard on the floor routine, and bested her previous season high with a near perfect 9.900 score.

Other Wildcats contributed with first-place finishes, including one from Danielle Mulligan on the uneven bars with a 9.990 and Casey Lauter impressed judges with her balance beam routine, earning a first-place score of 9.850. Head coach Gail Goodspeed speaks to the team's ability to be flexible and not have to rely on a few members to get the job

done, a luxury that the 'Cats did not always have.

"What is really nice this year is this is the first time we've had in a long time the ability to change our lineup around," Goodspeed said. "They're all training hard to be ready when we put them in the lineup, which is awesome and we've not had that in the past."

Despite coming out on top, the 'Cats fell behind in the early stages of the meet. Both teams opened up on the vault and uneven bars, and the Aggies as a team beat the Wildcats in both events, giving UNH a solid test going into the final two events. The 'Cats battled back and finished strong on the floor and in the balance beam events to overtake the Aggies and secure their seventh win of the season.

With the 'Cats on a winning streak, confidence is high heading into the upcoming meets, but there is still work to be done.

"We got to clean up in some places. We still have some leg form, straightened legs, pointed toes, all that stuff but we're in the right spot," Goodspeed said. "We're in the right spot to keep progressing this year."

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Regular season comes to a close

BY BEN NAWN
STAFF WRITER

After more than a month off from competition, the UNH swimming and diving team returned to their winning ways. The winning streak started on Jan. 21 as the Wildcats swam past America East foe Binghamton and followed up their New York road trip a day later with a win at Niagara.

Most recently they clashed with their north-of-the-border rival, Maine and came away victorious finishing their regular season record at 5-3 overall, 2-1 in America East meets. Led by Liza Baykova, the Wildcats wrapped up the regular season last Friday with a 166-104 win over the Black Bears and improved to 10-0 in their last 10 matchups with Maine. They also have won five straight dual meets dating back to Oct. 29 against Central Connecticut State University.

"It was a great meet with

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TRACK AND FIELD

UNH strong in home contest

BY RYAN PAGLIARO
STAFF WRITER

It was another busy weekend for the 'Cats as the UNH track and field teams found success in both Boston, Massachusetts and Durham over the weekend.

Friday, a small group of women traveled to the John Thomas Terrier Invitational at Boston University. On that day there was a strong showing in the mile with standout junior Elinor Purrier winning the event with an impressive 4-minutes, 34.98-seconds. Hannah Kimball and Shannon Murdock set new personal records by going 4:49.01 and 4:53.66 respectively.

This is Purrier's first mile race since last indoor season when she placed third at the NCAA Championships.

"I'm going to be focusing on the mile for the rest of the season. I really enjoy the mile so it's a lot of fun so I'm going to see if I can [set a personal record] in the mile,

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Sunday, Durham, N.H.

MEN'S HOCKEY (11-11-4)

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PROVIDENCE UNH

Saturday, Durham, N.H.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY (11-14-1)

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NORTHEASTERN UNH

Saturday, Durham, N.H.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (18-3)

60 **50**

UNH UMBC

Saturday, Durham, N.H.

MEN'S BASKETBALL (14-8)

105 **103**

UMBC UNH

Saturday, Baltimore, Md.

SWIMMING & DIVING (5-3)

166 **104**

UNH MAINE

Friday, Orono, Maine

STATS of the WEEK

12

Consecutive victories for the women's basketball team.

36

Points scored by Tanner Leissner in the double overtime loss.