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Before a National Crowd, Hundreds Cheer Women's Basketball on to Victory

Nearly 1,000 fans came out to cheer at the live, nationally televised UNH Women's Basketball Game Feb. 2 as the team scored a big win against the University of Bridgeport. The game, also streamed via Internet throughout the world,

was one of six selected by the NCAA and CSTV for national broadcast.

The game also aired on the New England Sports Network.

UNH Receives Diversity In Athletics Award

The NCAA named UNH one of 26 institutions nationwide to receive the 2007-08 Diversity in Athletics Award. The University was one of just 14 NCAA Division II members

selected to receive the top award, presented in the category of Overall Excellence in Diversity. UNH was also recognized in the categories of "Value and Attitudinal Diversity" of department employees, and "Gender Diversity" of department employees.

Athletes Get Hands-On Experience

The University of New Haven Women's Basketball Team took experiential education to a new level during a three-game road trip to California. The student-athletes decorated a float seen by millions of television viewers in the world-famous Rose Bowl Parade.



Junior midfielder Mallory Ferrandiz was an all-Region selection after leading the Chargers Women's Lacrosse Team to 14 victories and a place in the national rankings last spring. UNH rose as high as eighth in the Division II coaches' poll in 2008, which was the best season in program history.



Amanda Pelcher, Briana Rende and Helin Marte of the UNH Women's Basketball Team decorated a Rose Bowl Parade float, Passport to the World of Making Music, which featured "Sesame Street" characters, during the team's trip to California during the winter break.



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Spring Recap

Baseball: The team captured a share of the regular-season title with a 24-win season, advancing to the ECC championship game. Team MVP Michael Moras '08 finished his career as UNH's all-time leader in games (175) and RBIs (169).

Softball: The team advanced further in the NCAA tournament than any softball team in school history. Despite entering as the No. 8 seed, they won four games and advanced to the Northeast Regional final, making UNH one of the final "Sweet 16" teams playing across the nation.

Women's Lacrosse: The team was 14-3 and was ninth in the national poll, the first time the program has ever been ranked. UNH was the third-rated team in the North Region, and had four students on the All-Conference teams,



THANK YOU!

The 18th Annual Charger Classic, sponsored by Acorn Group and Sodexo, was an incredible success!

Thanks to the many alumni and sponsors who helped make the event one of the best ever. Your generous donations and sponsorships helped us enhance the game-day experiences of our loyal fans, faculty, staff and the local community who support UNH student-athletes.

This year's proceeds will fund construction of a new Athletics Equipment Room that includes custom-designed storage compartments for each sports team. It will allow for better organization and use of space, updated inventory, and ease of storage and retrieval for our growing population of student-athletes.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO HELP!

We have a number of ongoing facility improvement projects. Contact Director of Athletics Deborah Chin for more information about how you can contribute to the Charger Athletics Club and help promote the growth of UNH Athletics as we move into the Northeast-10 Conference. Call 203-932-7020 or e-mail dchin@newhaven.edu



including First Team pick and All-American Brigid Brady '09.

Track and Field: Shannon Gagne '10 continued her stellar season, provisionally qualifying for the NCAAs in the long jump and finishing 10th at the New England Championship, where UNH Male Athlete of the Year James Beaubrun '08 also placed 15th in the steeplechase.

UNH Football Coach and Recruits Hit the Gridiron

UNH Head Football Coach Peter Rossomando has begun preparing more than 50 Charger recruits for the University's re-entry into football in fall 2009 as a member of the Northeast-10 Conference.

Rossomando, 35, who spent the previous seven seasons at the

University at Albany, is the ninth head coach in program history. He began his duties at UNH on January 1, and wasted no time visiting every state in the Northeast with new assistant coaches Scott James from Northeastern University and Drew Folmar from Millersville University. He had great success in the football recruiting hotbeds of Georgia and Florida as well.

Rossomando has 14 seasons of highly successful college coaching experience under his belt, having kicked off his career with a five-year stint at the University of New Haven from 1994 to 1998. Under then Head Coach Tony Sparano, the team went to the 1997 NCAA Division II Championship game and the 1995 NCAA playoffs.

Sparano, now head coach for the Miami Dolphins, phoned in his congratulations during a press conference announcing Rossomando's appointment. (See related story, page 3.)



Sophomore Meghan Walter '10 was one of two Second Team All-ECC selections for the Charger softball team, joining teammate Breanne Gleason '10. UNH advanced to the NCAA Division II Championships for the fifth time in school history and the first time under head coach Jen Starek, advancing all the way to the Sweet Sixteen.



UNH Head Football Coach Peter Rossomando



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A Field Apart from the Rest

The new Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium on North Campus will sport a state-of-the-art synthetic turf field, Sprinturf, when the newly restored football team storms out for its first practices this autumn. The field is being resurfaced thanks to the generosity of UNH alumnus Ralph F. DellaCamera, Jr. '75 B.S., managing member and CIO of DellaCamera Capital Management LLC in Manhattan and a member of the University's Board of Governors. (See related story,

page 20.) The field will also be one of only two blue synthetic turf fields in the collegiate ranks. The field also will be used to host NCAA and Northeast-10 Conference championship games in football, men's and women's soccer and women's lacrosse.

UNH's Newest 'Recruit'

Joining UNH from the NCAA's national office in Indianapolis, Ind., is Walter Brock, Jr., who will serve as the University's assistant director of athletics for NCAA compliance and student services. A football standout at St. Mary's College and Sacramento State University, Brock will oversee NCAA eligibility compliance, academic support services, and the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program. He will also serve as advisor to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Chargers Inducted into Hall of Fame

Director of Athletics Deborah Chin and the UNH community welcomed the 25th Athletics Hall of Fame Class on January 25 at Race Brook Country Club. Below, seated in the front row, left to right, are Christine Huber (basketball/soccer), Kim Schmidt (softball/volleyball) and Chin. Back row, left to right, are Robert Skinnon (baseball), Cazzie Kosciolk (football) and Joseph Maher (men's soccer). "Each of these worthy selections led their teams to great success, and they are still among our all-time individual leaders in their respective sports," Chin said.

