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Aoun discusses costs, funding

Pres. sits down for interview with The News

The News sat down with Northeastern President Joseph E. Aoun this week for a 45-minute interview, marking the first time reporters from the newspaper have met with the president on-the-record since 2010.

Editor-in-chief Colin A. Young, News Editor Zack Sampson and Deputy News Editor Todd Feathers asked Aoun a series of questions. The interview started with a lightning round and ended with a pop quiz. Below are excerpts. The full transcript can be found on the Huntington News website.

The Huntington News: In preparation for this interview, we solicited questions from our readers on Facebook and Twitter. An alumna sent us this: "I graduated from Northeastern 20 years ago with 20 thousand in loans. Now, I'm telling my high school junior not to even apply, although I loved the school, because we can't afford to send her there, and I can't imagine the debt she'd have upon graduation. Does that disturb him?"

President Aoun: What disturbs me is that clearly she is not, this alumna, is not aware of what we're doing. Tweet back and invite her to go visit the admissions center, the visitor center, and talk to folks. Why? Because essentially, as you know, in the last five to six years, first the rate of increase of financial aid was double the rate of increase of tuition. That's one. Also, we launched something called the Northeastern Promise, which says that when you come to Northeastern for four years, you know what your financial aid package is. And last year, we added another aspect to that. Namely if tuition changes, your financial package will be

amended accordingly. So, you know, that's what I am saying. You know that we give, last year we gave over \$180 million dollars or so, over \$180 million in financial aid. ... So, that is something you can tweet back and say those are facts. And, you know, the period when various places were retrenching, we increased our financial aid enormously precisely for that.

HN: If tuition fees at Northeastern and any other college do continue to rise, is that going to be the case where financial aid rises to match the increase in tuition cost?

JA: That's our strategy. That's our goal. That's what we are trying to do and that's why the increase, as I mentioned to you, the increase of financial aid over the last five to six years was double the increase in tuition.

HN: Do you anticipate that tuition will continue to rise in the next few years?

JA: Let me tell you what I anticipate. I anticipate that in higher education in general, there will be an increase. The largest increase that will be coming [will be] from the public universities because the public universities have been challenged in terms of their budget. And I think in terms of the privates you will see an increase not as high as the publics, the rate of increase, and you know, for us here I see that the strategy that I mentioned, namely increase in terms of the needs what we have, we are building the university. ... We don't stay still. So, we don't set up to say we want to increase financial aid, what we do, we are doing it because there is a need. We are seeing this through this recession, there is a larger need. So what I focus on is not the rate of increase of tuition in absolute terms, but relative to financial aid going back to what you said.

HN: I know that within student government there has been some

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Senior right wing Robbie Vrolyk (middle) scored an empty net goal with 58 seconds left in regulation to put the Huskies up 4-2 over Merrimack College on Wednesday in the Hockey East season opener at Matthews Arena.

Men's hockey holds on for 4-2 victory in home opener

By Eoghan Kelly

NEWS STAFF

For much of Wednesday night's Hockey East season-opener, the men's hockey team gave the 1,350 fans at Matthews Arena a glimpse of the future, and began to rectify previous seasons' woes by winning their first season opener since 2007 with a 4-2 win over Merrimack College.

The Huskies stymied the United States College Hockey Online (USCHO) No. 19 Merrimack Warriors with a ferocious offensive attack powered by its highly touted freshman class, and complemented by a strong special teams presence and poised goaltending – all

traits they lacked in 2011-12.

But the remainder of the game pitted the Warriors against a Northeastern team highly reminiscent of the squad that missed last year's playoffs, a team insecure when playing with the lead and frequently set backward by inopportune penalties.

"They're a quality opponent, just like all the other nine opponents in [Hockey East Association]," head coach Jim Madigan said after the game. "These are games last year that we might not have found our way to get two points, and I was pleased the way we found two points tonight."

For the first 20 minutes, the Huskies played like a team with something to prove, striking three times in the first 8:33 and forcing the Warriors to take an early timeout in attempt to chip away at their opponent's momentum.

Northeastern (1-0 HEA) scored on its first shot of the game when senior forward Garrett Vermeersch tipped a shot from the point off the stick of freshman defenseman Colton Saucerman just 53 seconds into the game. The goal rattled Merrimack (0-1 HEA) sophomore goalie Rasmus Tirronen, who was making his first career start.

The Huskies didn't give Tirronen's

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News Staff Photo/Matt Greene

President Joseph E. Aoun sat down with editors from the Huntington News this week to discuss the school's growth, policies and challenges.

Costs of Northeastern Dialogue programs to rise, directors said

By Todd Feathers

NEWS STAFF

The price of all Dialogue of Civilizations programs will rise by at least \$2,000 next summer as the university attempts to reconfigure the program, multiple Dialogue directors said, adding that the offering was unsustainable in its previous form.

The extra \$2,000 fee will be tacked onto the base cost for a Dialogue, which is the same as tuition for a summer session, a university official said. Students will still pay the same tuition as last year, but a smaller percentage of the fee they pay will be used to fund the Dialogue, and a larger portion will go to the university for overhead, the Dialogue directors said.

"If you're a numbers person like

me, you knew this was coming sometime," Peter Furth, an engineering professor who runs a Dialogue to the Netherlands, said. "It was an unbelievable deal before, but it wasn't sustainable because it was being so heavily subsidized."

For Dialogues during the summer of 2011, 67 percent of the tuition a student paid went toward funding the trip and the university took 33 percent to cover other unrelated expenses, Furth said. That distribution changed slightly in 2012, to 60 percent and 40 percent, he said. But under the new plan set to take effect in 2013 the university will be taking more tuition money in overheads than it uses to fund trips.

"Last year [the university] took 40 percent of the tuition off the top

and gave the directors 60 percent to run the trip," Richard Katula, a communications professor who leads a dialogue to Greece, said. "This year they're taking 60 percent off the top and giving directors just 40 percent to run the trip."

Students could potentially be charged even more than tuition plus the extra \$2,000, Katula said. The cost of his Dialogue to Greece last year exceeded the funding he was given, so students were required to pay an additional \$975 surcharge out of their pockets and Katula said he expects that to happen with future Dialogues as well.

School officials said the charges are meant to make up for the rising cost of international airfare.

"I do know that the university

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Sophomore midfielder Caroline Judge scored her third and fourth goals of the season in Delaware on Friday.

Judge scores two in front of family in Delaware win

By Andy MacDougall
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Freshman forward Deirdre Duke tallied two second-half goals and sophomore midfielder Caroline Judge netted two goals in her home state as the Huskies put up a 5-0 shutout over the University of Delaware Blue Hens on Friday. "We've been working a lot in practice and in games on playing the full 70 minutes," Judge said.

"In the Harvard game (Oct. 3, a 4-1 win) we lost our intensity a little in second half and some games we haven't put the full 70 minutes together.

In Delaware, we did a pretty good job of picking up the intensity and playing our game for the full game."

Following their game against Harvard, head coach Cheryl Mur-

tagh said the Huskies put together arguably their most complete game of the season on Friday against the Blue Hens.

"I know that we have different challenges in different games," Murtagh said. "And I think every game we put a challenge to ourselves and that was one of them—to play well at both ends. We want to have a strong defensive game and keep our back line, and I do think

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MEN'S SOCCER

Parsons win streak still alive

By Chris Judd

NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The men's soccer team shut out the University of Delaware 2-0 yesterday afternoon, pushing its home win-streak to 12 games.

The Huskies are now on a three-game winning streak and seven-game unbeaten streak.

"The game was like the rain," said head coach Brian Ainscough, "It was an ugly game, and we had to grind it out, but the end result is what matters."

It took 72 minutes for Northeastern (8-1-2) to score the game's first goal. Sophomore defender Simon Cox had good position in the 18-yard box and knocked the ball directly into the middle of the net off a corner kick by sophomore forward Donovan Fayd'Herbe de Maudave, who picked up the assist. The goal was Cox's third of the season.

"To be honest, I just ran in, and the ball hit me and went in," Cox said. "But it's still a goal and I'll take it."

Senior forward Don Anding scored Northeastern's second goal at 89:24 off of a deep punt by senior goalkeeper Oliver Blum. Anding ripped the ball inside the left goal post from the top of the box to extend Northeastern's lead and pick up his team-leading eighth goal of the season. Going into the game, Anding was tied for third in

the (CAA) in both points and goals with seven goals and 16 points.

Both teams had some missed opportunities throughout the game. With 15 minutes left in the first half, Delaware nearly scored a goal that was denied by the post. Northeastern had several attempts to pass the ball to Anding up the middle of the field but just couldn't connect. And Anding had a promising scoring opportunity with 9:13 remaining in the game, but good defense by Delaware forced him to put the shot just wide of the net.

Northeastern's defense only allowed the Blue Hens one shot on goal and one corner kick, though Delaware was able to get a foot on multiple off-target shots. Blum also made two leaping catches on balls that were dangerously close to the goal, preventing Delaware from getting scoring opportunities.

"We also had a mentality that we weren't going to let any goals in from the start," Cox said.

Northeastern was able to win in the first 90 minutes, which is a relief since five of their 11 games in 2012 have gone into double overtime.

"We'd like to not go into overtimes," Ainscough said. "Our defense played really well. Delaware didn't have many opportunity or shots, which is why we were able to avoid overtime today."

The Huskies play at Georgia State on Oct. 13. Georgia State is currently 1-3 in the conference and 3-7 overall.

VOLLEYBALL

NU sweeps 8-game homestand, undefeated at home

By Madeline Sattler
NEWS STAFF

With two victories over the weekend against James Madison and George Mason Universities, the Northeastern volleyball team moved to a perfect 5-0 this season in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA).

"Every match in the conference is going to be close because of the tape exchange and because of the intimacy," head coach Ken Nichols said. "But it's critical to win every point that you can in conference."

The Huskies swept JMU Sunday afternoon in three close sets (25-23, 25-18, 25-23). The Dukes got the scoring started in the first set, but saw their four-point lead disappear when the Huskies tied it at 11. From then on, neither team took more than a three-point advantage as both sides refused to let up.

In the end, a kill by junior outside hitter Kelly Bacon sealed the deal for Northeastern and gave the Huskies set one. Bacon had five of her eight kills in the opening frame.

"The nice thing to see was a very consistent ability to execute under pressure," Nichols said. "These are the kind of skills we are going to need to win a championship."

The Dukes once again got the early lead jumping out to a 4-1

start. However, Northeastern responded with an 8-0 run which included three service aces from junior outside hitter Janelle Tucker.

"Everybody has had some great matches over the last couple of weekends," Nichols said. "[Tucker] has shot up there with hitting percentage."

JMU eventually cut the lead to three, but that's as close as they got in the set. A Tucker kill and a service ace by junior defensive specialist Brianna Hollis clinched the second set for Northeastern.

The final set saw a lot of back-and-forth action early. A kill by senior middle hitter Nicole Bishop gave the Huskies their biggest lead of the match, 15-11. But slowly the Dukes climbed back into it and pulled within a one point difference at 22-21. Kills by Bacon and Tucker and an attacking error by the Dukes ensured the win for the Huskies.

Bishop and Tucker led the offensive efforts on the afternoon with 13 and nine kills respectively. Junior setter Ina Kamenova tallied 20 assists and sophomore libero Natalia Skiba scooped up 11 digs in the Huskies fifth win over a CAA team.

"JMU being one of the top four in our conference, we knew we had to step our game up," Bishop said.

Friday evening's contest was another important CAA matchup which the Huskies also swept (25-22, 25-23, 26-24).

The Huskies took advantage of seven GMU errors to take an early

lead in the first set. Although the set was close, the Huskies never allowed the Patriots to take the lead.

The second set was a battle with neither team running away with a lead – both sides kept it within three points. Sophomore setter Jill Briner notched the set-winning kill as part of an eight kill performance on the evening. Skiba dug out 10 of her 20 digs in the set.

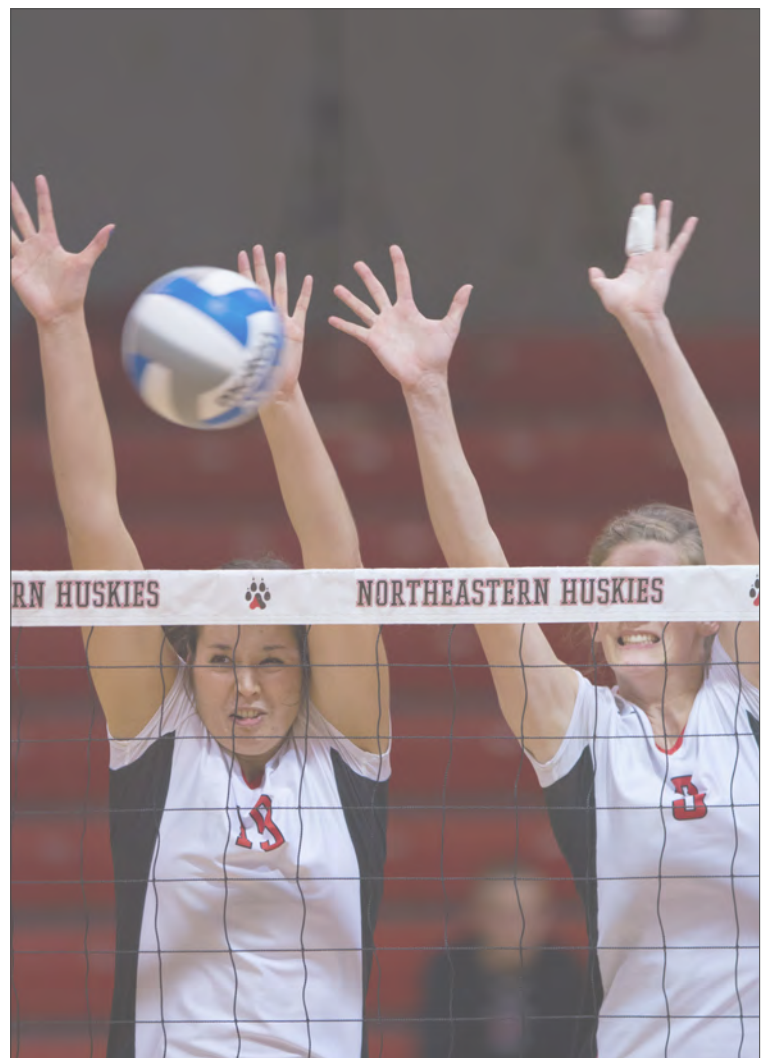
"Jill [Briner] is putting up tremendous numbers offensively and Skiba is just doing what she's doing," Nichols said.

The Patriots held the lead for most of the final set, including their biggest lead of the day at 14-9. GMU had three set points, but the Huskies rallied and tied it at 24. Bishop slammed the final kill in to cap the Huskies' rally and win the match.

"The game was really close and we kind of just pushed at the end and ended up winning," Tucker said.

The Huskies have seven more regular season games against CAA opponents. They will head out on the road for their next three, including a rematch at Hofstra this Saturday at 7 p.m.

"Playing them the second time is usually the most dangerous time to play them because they know you so much better," Bishop said. "That not only means that you have to know them just as well, but you also have to be able switch up your offense and your defense and show them something new."



News Photo/Zack Williamson

Middle hitters sophomore Ava Cramp and senior Nicole Bishop up go for a block against JMU on Sunday.

MEN'S HOCKEY

NU lights four lamps in season opener

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Tirronen a chance to settle in. Sophomore forward Joe Manno scored on a backhander four minutes later, and freshman forward Kevin Roy one-timed home a wide-open shot on the power play at 8:33 to spring the Huskies to a 3-0 lead.

Roy also assisted on Manno's goal, giving him two points in his first collegiate game.

Merrimack head coach Mark Dennehy defended Tirronen, saying the goals were products of defensive breakdowns that prevented the sophomore from getting acclimated to the pace of the game.

"I thought he played fine," Dennehy said. "Of the three goals he gave up, I don't know that any of them were his fault. The first one was a really nice tip. He was fine. He was not our problem."

But Husky senior forward Vinny Saponari, who had two assists in the game, said the early lead gave his team an enormous momentum boost.

"It just gets the team fired up, gives us confidence," he said. "Maybe we take an extra moment with the puck – little more confidence, little more poise. It started us off on the right foot to get things rolling."

Northeastern continued to apply pressure for the remainder of the period, outshooting the Warriors 16-5 and not giving up a penalty.

The second period was a different story.

Merrimack reversed its fortune in the middle frame, earning six power plays and scoring two unanswered goals to make it a 3-2 game.

The first goal came when sophomore forward Quinn Gould pushed a loose puck past senior goaltender Chris Rawlings 4:20 into the period.

The goal allowed Merrimack to push the Huskies onto their heels

for the remainder of the period, creating quality scoring chances in front, possessing and cycling the puck low into the Northeastern zone and winning the shot battle 13-8.

It seemed like Northeastern might escape the period with a two-goal lead, but sophomore forward Justin Mansfield beat Rawlings with a bad-angle shot high to the short side to cut the deficit to a single goal with 4:52 remaining. "By the time we woke up, we had a three-goal deficit," Dennehy said. "Our guys stayed with it and we clawed ourselves back into the game, but just too little too late."

Letting up after securing an early lead was a trademark characteristic of the Huskies of old. But contrary to last year's team, Saponari said, Northeastern was able to retake control of the game in the third period.

"We had a knack for kind of having periods or moments off in the game that cost us last year," Saponari said. "We got into some penalty trouble, some turnovers in the second period and Merrimack capitalized on them ... We were able to weather the storm and that's what matters, and we refocused after the second and came out and were more poised in the third."

Goaltending and special teams proved to be the difference in the game.

Tirronen settled down after the three-goal first period and stopped the final 27 shots he faced, including a flurry of chances late in the third period.

But Rawlings did him one better, turning aside 30 of 32 attempts and 16 in the final 20 minutes.

Despite taking an alarmingly high eight penalties, the Northeastern penalty kill unit helped keep the Warriors at bay by blocking shots and disrupting passing lanes in the neutral zone. The result was seven of eight man-advantage attempts killed off and a shorthanded empty-net goal by senior forward Robbie Vrolyk to

seal the game with 58 seconds remaining.

"We put an emphasis and a premium on our special teams," Madigan said. "I thought our penalty killing did a great job. We pressured when we needed to and we recognized situations off of their power play."

Roy said the early-season matchup with Merrimack – a team two years removed from a NCAA tournament berth that beat No. 5 Union College 4-1 Saturday – al-

lowed him and the other Hockey East newcomers to get used to the pace of the college game.

"The college-level game is really fast and you gotta do everything faster than I did in the past year," Roy said. "I think I learned that tonight and I gotta work on that on some opportunities."

But the Huskies can't afford to get comfortable. Their next two games are against defending national champion and No. 1 Boston College, the first coming Saturday

night at Matthews Arena.

Madigan said the Huskies will be looking to avenge the four losses they suffered to the Eagles in 2011-12.

"We'll obviously relish tonight's win and we'll start preparing tomorrow for Boston College," he said. "I know we'll be ready to play. They're obviously a great team, Boston College. We'll bring our best and hope that's gonna be good enough."



News Photo/Zack Williamson

Senior center forward Garrett Vermeersch, sophomore left wing Ludwig Karlsson and senior rightwing Vinny Saponari celebrated after Vermeersch's at 0:53 in the first period during last night's 4-2 win at Matthews.

FIELD HOCKEY

Huskies stay in top 10 for fifth straight week

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we achieved that goal [against Delaware]."

Less than five minutes into the contest, senior forward Crystal Poland continued her incredible season with a goal off a penalty

corner. Poland's 19th goal of the season put the Huskies on top, 1-0.

Five minutes later, Judge notched a goal off a shot from senior forward Lindsay Bennett. At the 22:35 mark, Judge knocked another loose ball into the Dela-

ware net to give the Huskies a comfortable 3-0 break.

Judge, from nearby Lewes, Del., was a four-year standout at Cape Henlopen High School. With the University of Delaware only an hour and a half from her hometown, Judge scored both goals with family, friends and former teammates in the stands.

"It was great to be able to show up [and score] in front of people that came out to watch," Judge said. "[Redshirt-sophomore back Kaci Coveleski] went to same high school as I did. Her sister and two other players play for Delaware. Our high school and middle school teams came up to the game, so it was pretty amazing."

With the lead 3-0, Northeastern spent most of the second half locked in on defense. While the offense racked up a season-high 21 shots, the defense endured only two shots on net the entire game, both in the second half.

The win moved Northeastern senior goalie Lizzie Priest into sole possession of third place on the program's all-time wins list

with 42. Priest now sits one behind Danielle Butsch (1993-97) for second all time, and seven behind Brenda Mitchell (1989-92) for first in program history.

"It's just amazing that all my hard work is really showing," Priest said. "It's just been something I've been working towards and it's awesome to have [my chance at the all-time wins record] come my senior year with all these girls."

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Should the Huskies win out the remainder of the regular season with Priest in net, she would trail Mitchell by one game.

The Huskies fell to No. 10 in the Penn Motto/National Field Hockey Coaches Poll this week. Old Dominion University and Northwestern University, the two teams that jumped the Huskies, put together dominating wins over the likes of No. 18 Drexel University, Towson University, University of Michigan and Kent State University, likely giving them the edge in this week's poll.

In addition to the team's fifth consecutive week in the top-10, Crystal Poland notched her sixth-career CAA Player of the Week honors after finishing with three

goals and one assist in her two games against Harvard and Delaware.

Poland currently sits as one of the nation's best field hockey players; she's second in the nation with 1.58 goals per game, her 3.50 points per game is good for third and she is just two goals behind first place with 19.

The Huskies return to the pitch this weekend to face another group of top-25 opponents. They head to Chestnut Hill on Friday to face No. 24 Boston College before heading to Durham, N.H., Sunday for a game against No. 25 University of Maine.

"We respect the Boston teams," Murtagh said. "And we also know that if we do well in Boston we're probably doing okay. Typically, one of the four [teams in Boston] is nationally ranked. This year, Boston University and Boston College are in the top 25, so if we're doing well in Boston, we're probably doing well overall."

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		CAA	Overall
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2	Northeastern	3-1	10-2
3	Drexel	3-1	10-4
4	William & Mary	3-2	10-4
5	James Madison	2-2	8-4
6	Delaware	1-3	5-10
7	Hofstra	0-4	5-8
8	Towson	0-4	0-13

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Huskies pick up two wins in New York

By Madeline Sattler

NEWS STAFF

Two proved to be the magic number for the women's hockey team this weekend. In two games, the Huskies picked up two wins on the road and had two players recognized by the Women's Hockey East Association (WHEA).

"It's always big to start off with a couple wins," head coach Dave Flint said. "You don't want to put yourself in a hole early."

The Huskies shutout Colgate University on Friday night, 4-0, and topped Syracuse University 5-2 on Saturday afternoon, two teams which have never defeated the Red and Black.

Sophomore forward Kendall Coyne was named WHEA Player of the Week after a four-point performance. She recorded a goal and an assist in each game.

"[Coyne] brings it every game," Flint said. "She deserved it and usually when they give her that award she's earned it one way or another."

Sophomore goalie Chloe Desjardins was also recognized as WHEA Co-Defensive Player of the Week. In two games, she saved 63 shots and recorded a 0.969 save percentage.

"I was excited [about my performance] because I have been working very hard," Desjardins said. "That was [my] first shutout, but it's the past and now let's try to build from that."

Desjardins earned her first career clean-slate against Colgate



News File Photo/Zack Williamson

Sophomore forward Kendall Coyne (left) was named WHEA player of the week after tallying two goals and two assists while on the road last weekend.

and the Huskies scored four goals to ensure the victory.

"The game was close for a while with Colgate and she kept us in it with a couple big saves," Flint said of Desjardins. "She really stepped up and showed me that she's going to be fine this year and she's going to be solid."

The first period was scoreless until late in the frame. With less than two minutes to play, Coyne passed the puck to senior forward Casey Pickett who was waiting behind the net. Pickett sent the puck across the goal to freshman forward Paige Savage who was waiting to bring it home.

Savage notched her first collegiate goal – a game winner – and the Huskies were ahead for good.

"All of our freshmen have goals and there are a lot of positive things to take out of the weekend," Pickett said.

Freshman defender Jordan Hampton also scored her first goal of her Husky career midway through the second period off an assist from junior forward Katie MacSorely.

In the final minute of play, Colgate opted to pull sophomore goalie Susan Allen in favor of an extra attacker. Coyne and MacSorely were able to capitalize on the emp-

ty net and scored the Huskies' third and fourth goals of the evening.

"I think we were all really happy," Pickett said. "To get the shut-out in [Desjardins'] first game is a huge deal."

The Huskies picked up where they left off against Syracuse on Saturday to get their second victory in as many days.

Coyne got the scoring started just over three minutes into the game. Then, a minute and 13 seconds later, senior forward Brittany Esposito scored her first goal of the season off an assist from senior forward Rachel Llanes.

Two more goals would be added

before the first buzzer. Halfway through the frame, Pickett netted her first of the season. Coyne took the puck down the ice and sent it across to where Pickett was waiting to redirect it into the net.

Llanes added the fourth goal of the period on a Northeastern power play for a 4-0 lead.

The second period was all Syracuse, who dominated the Huskies in shots 18-4.

"There were times where we looked really good and there were times we looked pretty bad, but that's to be expected early on in the season," Flint said. "We just need to learn to get a little more consistency for three periods of hockey."

But Desjardins, who recorded 17 of her 34 saves in the second frame said she knew her role.

"We all have a different role, my role was to stop the puck," Desjardins said. "I think I did my best to do my role."

Syracuse got one goal in the frame by sophomore defender Kallie Goodnough.

Northeastern scored one final goal early in the third period, when freshman forward Tori Hicckel notched her first collegiate goal. Sophomore Maggie DiMasi and Llanes got the assists. Llanes finished the day with a career-high three points.

The Orange managed to get one more puck past Desjardins on a shot by redshirt freshman Laurie Kingsbury.

"Overall, I was pleased that we got two wins," Flint said.

The Huskies are sitting at 2-0 and have two home games this weekend against Union University on Friday at 7 p.m. and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on Saturday at 3 p.m.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Swimmers, coaches want to make a splash in CAA

By Chris Judd

NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Northeastern women's swimming and diving held its preseason Red vs. Black meet Saturday in preparation for its first match on Oct. 27 at home against the University of New Hampshire.

The Huskies are coming off of a season during which they finished sixth in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA).

"We want to improve from last year," head coach Roy Coates said. "We want to move up at least one spot in the conference for this year. We've been following most of the same training schedule that we had last year."

Northeastern returns all but four members from last year's squad, but added four freshmen recruits: Sophie Browne, Taylor Brew, Megan Rutter, and walk-on Amanda Liew.

"All four freshmen are very good," Coates said. "Megan [Rutter] has been injured, so we haven't been able to see a lot from her, but I think all the freshmen will be able to contribute to the team."

Senior tri-captain Cassandra Cesaro said the newcomers are already making an impact.

"Taylor [Brew] in particular is really killing it," she said. "She's stepping her game up and getting really into the sport. I think the inter-team meet helped all the freshmen because it gives them experience on what an actual meet is like in terms of the speed in which it happens and the order that events happen in."

The meet also helped the team get a sense of how well their training has been going, Coates said.

During the CAA Champion-

ships last season, Northeastern set 11 school records to complement the 20 records it broke in regular season meets.

Anna Schegoleva, now a sophomore, set multiple school records throughout the year. She broke records in the 100-meter backstroke (56.31), 200-meter backstroke (2:00.10) and 200-meter individual medley (2:02.69).

During the summer, Schegoleva also set a Cypriot national record in the 200-meter IM (2:21.45) while competing at the Cyprus National Championship.

Upperclassmen made waves in the record books as well. Senior

Keary McClellan set a school record last season in the 200-meter breaststroke (2:16.39). Third year-swimmer Julia Sepulveda set the record in the 400-meter IM (4:18.68). Her twin sister, Adriana Sepulveda, also a junior, set the school record in the 500-meter freestyle (4:56.34).

The Huskies hope to build off last year's momentum with a strong showing this season.

"I'm really excited for the season," Cesaro said. "We've been doing things now that normally we haven't been able to do until November or December."



Photo courtesy/Northeastern Athletics

Sophomore Anna Schegoleva set a Cypriot national record in the 200-meter IM at the Cyprus National Championships.

CROSS COUNTRY

Gallagher leads men to ninth place finish

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With fall varsity sports now in full swing, the cross country team made the trek to Westfield on Sunday to compete in the New England Championships. The men's team placed ninth in a field of 37 teams and the women's team placed 29th.

This was the first meet in which the men's and women's cross country teams competed since Sept. 22, when they traveled to New Britain, Conn., for the Ted Owen Invitational. Where the men's and women's teams placed first and eighth respectively.

The New England Championships proved to be a challenge for the Huskies, with more than six states and 65 schools participating, but the Huskies rose to the challenge with individuals placing in the top 30.

Leading the men's side, freshman Wesley Gallagher finished 12th, and the men's cross country team managed an outstanding 9th place finish.

Gallagher managed to set the pace for the rest of the men's team by finishing the eight-kilometer race in 24:42:72. Sophomore Stephen Sollowin was next to finish for the Husky men in 29th overall with a time of 25:08:19.

On the other side, the women were led by junior Danielle Klein's 81st overall finish in the five-kilometer race, 18:42:81.

Northeastern was competing with many other schools around New England, including Boston College, Harvard and Tufts Universities all

of which director of track and field and cross country Cathrine Erickson described as "great ranked teams."

Erickson said the younger members of the team have left an impression.

"[They've] responded to the task of running in college well," she said.

Erickson is in her first year as director and is looking to reshape the program, left to her by former-head coach Sherman Hart.

"We are still in the beginning stages of building the program," and work needs to be done, she said.

Northeastern's cross country program only started recently and

still has massive room for improvement she said. One problem Erickson highlighted was the fact that on both the men's and women's team "everyone is at different levels."

Some members of the team have been competing for five years at the collegiate level while for others, the 2012-2013 season is their first as a Husky.

Furthermore, Erickson said she would like to see more of the student body at Northeastern get involved and interested in the varsity cross country team.

But for the team, she wants to see them go into the CAA Championships strong.

The next three meets are crucial for the team, including the NCAA National Championship in Lexington, Ky., on Nov. 10.

The Huskies next event will be the CAA Championship when they travel to Williamsburg, Va., on Oct. 27.

"[The freshman] have responded to the task of running in college well"

– director, Cathrine Erickson

WOMEN'S SOCCER Blue Hens blocked in Burnett's fourth shutout

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After coming out on either end of a shutout this past weekend, against Drexel University and the University of Delaware, the women's soccer team finds itself in fifth place in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) as the conference season nears its end.

On Oct. 4, the Huskies fell 1-0 to the Drexel Dragons, but negated the loss Sunday afternoon in Delaware with a 2-0 shutout of the Blue Hens.

The Huskies (5-8, 3-2 CAA) played a solid first half against Drexel but did not show the same quality of play in the second, head coach Tracey Leone said, as they gave up the game-winning goal and eventually fell 1-0.

"We were not getting on as many loose balls as we did in the first half," Leone said. "I thought in the first half we were unbelievable. We played really well [and] caused them a lot of problems."

An unassisted goal by senior forward Alex Vazquez of the Dragons at 73:35 proved to be the difference. Dragons' sophomore goalkeeper Eve Badana stopped all three shots she faced to record her CAA-leading eighth shutout of the season.

The Huskies were outshot in the contest 9-6, including 7-3 in the second half. Redshirt-sophomore forward Devin Griffin led the Hus-

kies with two shots.

Northeastern answered the loss on Sunday in Delaware when freshman defender Shayna Blackwood notched her first collegiate goal as the result of a corner kick at 25:21. Sophomore goalie Paige Burnett grabbed her fourth shutout of the season in the Huskies' 2-0 win.

"It is really good. I was expecting to come in as a forward, so it was good to get into an attacking role," Blackwood said.

Senior defender Sandra Magnusdottir netted her second goal of the season from 40 yards out, unassisted at 37:27 for an insurance goal prior to halftime.

"Getting two goals in the first half is always a great sign," Leone said.

The Huskies were able to preserve the lead in the second half by continuing to be aggressive in their approach. They controlled the tempo and were the more dominant team in consistently winning loose balls.

"[We] created a lot of good chances and very dangerous corners," Leone said. "We just had an unbelievable attitude to score."

The Huskies outshot the Blue Hens 14-7 and recorded seven corner kicks in the match.

"Our defense did a phenomenal job, everybody [was] talking and working together," Burnett said. "For the most part we shut them

down; they did not get many opportunities."

Senior forward Greta Samuelsdottir led the team with three shots in the victory. Leone credited the highlight of the night to the defensive play against a potent University of Delaware front line which included senior forward Ali Miller, who leads the Blue Hens with six goals this season.

"[The] back line played very well against a very good team that likes to slip balls in behind the back line," Leone said.

Leone has been impressed with the work the team has done on the road but knows the importance of winning its upcoming conference games at home.

"They're pivotal games, we are nearing the end of the conference season and everything is so close," Leone said. "We are hitting our stride right now; we are playing really well, we are really invested [and] we have great energy."

The Huskies only have five conference games remaining, and two of them will be played this weekend at Parsons Field against Towson University (Friday, 6 p.m.) and George Mason University (Sunday, 12 p.m.)

"We need to continue working and playing the way we played on Sunday and bring that to Friday," Burnett said.



Under the Lights: shayna Blackwood

By Elizabeth Thomas
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Defenseman Shayna Blackwood's first career goal solidified a win for the women's soccer team against University of Delaware on Sunday. Blackwood's goal was also the first of any Husky rookie so far this season.

"It was actually really exciting," the freshman said. "I was ecstatic that I could move forward and contribute. The fact that we have been trying to plan to get goals off set pieces, so I was really happy that everything we have been working for has paid off."

Blackwood credits head coach Tracy Leone for some of her success in her rookie season.

"I've played defense before but Tracy [Leone] has helped me realize that I can play forward as well as defend," Blackwood said. "She made me realize that I can move forward to score and come right back and do my job in defense. I've grown so much this year thanks to her."

As the oldest of three girls, Blackwood, a Somerville, N.J., native, praises her positive family influence, which has helped her in soccer. Her father, a soccer fan originally from Jamaica,

knew he wanted his daughters to play the sport.

"He grew up playing soccer and taught us everything he knew from the moment we could start walking," she said. "My parents come almost every other weekend and they were at the Delaware game when I scored, so it's really great having them there watching me."

Blackwood knows she can accomplish her personal goals and help out her team at the same time.

"I personally just want to try my best at whatever position they put me in, but my main goal is to better however many goals I have or however many assists. I just constantly want to be better every time I am on the field," she said.

The engineering major also knows how important it is to delegate her time wisely and balance soccer with school work.

"The whole study hall thing is great. It makes me actually sit down and do my work and just makes me focus," Blackwood said. "Being a student-athlete teaches you to not take lightly the time you have to do your home-

work."

When Blackwood does have free time, she says she likes to get imaginative in the kitchen.

"I am pretty much the team baker," she said. "I love baking and cooking. I am trying to be more creative with baking, and the girls give me requests for things. It's really nice and fun and relaxing to do."

Blackwood and the rest of the Huskies will be back at Parsons Field to take on Towson University tomorrow at 6 p.m.



Photo courtesy/Northeastern Athletics

Spectacular Vernacular

Hockey, perhaps more than any other major sport, has an unbelievably intricate and learned catalogue of insider terminology.

When I came to Northeastern as a freshman, I thought I knew hockey. This self-assurance was based on countless games of NHL '09 played in my friend's basement in high school and the two to three words I'd heard broadcasters squeak out as I flipped past hockey games on television.

I knew how to dangle, at least virtually, and had finished off a couple hat tricks with top shelf goals set up by great puck movement and a well-placed skater ready for a one-timer.

While this may sound like Spanish to some of you, in Boston, labeling this "hockey-talk" would be on par with equating a third-grader's potty mouth to the swear-slitting speak of a salty-bearded sailor.

At my first game at Matthews Arena, I became keenly aware of how much I'd miscalculated the extent of my hockey knowledge.

"Did you see that **bottle knocker** to tie the game?"

"Look at that **grocery stick** warming the bench!"

Suffice it to say I had no idea what they were talking about. I took it upon myself to learn the ways of these **sweater**-sporting fans (those in jerseys) with the hopes of eventually gaining acceptance and becoming one in my own right. Here are some detailed notes from my study of their culture:



Dylan Lewis

Out of Bounds

Sieve – You will (hopefully) hear this chanted often at Matthews this season at the opposition. A sieve is a goalie that makes a better tunnel than a door: He lets a lot of goals in.

Bottle knocker – This one almost sounds dirty. A bottle knocker is when a shot is so perfectly placed it not only gets past the goalie, but also manages to hit the water bottle the goalie keeps on top of the net up in the air. If a regular goal is a period, a bottle knocker is an exclamation point.

Hoser – It sounds like loser. It means the same thing. The term actually dates back to before Zambonis, when the team that lost had to hose off the ice following the game.

Snow shower – This is the kind of inclement weather a player can create with his skates. Ever see a player dart up ice only to quickly veer and stop? The ensuing cascade of ice is a snow shower.

Sin bin – Like a confession booth, this is where any puck-fearing skater finds himself atoning for his sins. The difference? It isn't just you and the Holy Father under the protection of anonymity. Guys in the sin bin are ostracized for their penalties on national television and have to sit in the penalty box and watch their teammates struggle.

Biscuit – You do not want this anywhere near your mouth. Putting it in the basket, puts your team on the board. If you look down the lineup of any pro team, you'll undoubtedly see a few guys that have had the biscuit take a bite out of their smiles. Don't let the puck make all the money your parents spent on orthodontics and the painfully humiliating period of prepubescent braces be in vain.

Grocery Stick – This one is being mentioned again because it is my favorite. The grocery stick serves the same purpose as the nondescript black bar in the supermarket checkout that divides your intended purchases from the people after you in line. Only instead of your cold cuts and that old man's liverwurst, the grocery stick is a player that never sees ice time and separates a team's forwards and defensemen.

Shorty – Not a bodacious woman in a rap music video, but rather a bodacious goal scored in spite of playing short-handed because some hozer on their team wound up in the sin bin.

Breezers – Might be the most un-hockey-like sounding thing on the list. It sounds like something middle aged women drink on the patio of a country club while recapping the latest cuts made on Dancing with the Stars. They are in fact . . . hockey pants. Don't ask me why, I've never worn a pair.

Now you're equipped to join the Dog House and pass as a true fan. Just don't mince words with some cement head (hockey goon) in the stands and wind up dropping gloves (fighting).

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STANDINGS

CAA MEN'S SOCCER			
		CAA	Overall
1	Drexel	4-1	8-3-1
2	Northeastern	3-0-1	8-1-2
3	James Madison	3-1-1	5-5-2
4	Hofstra	3-2	9-3-1
5	Towson	2-2-1	4-6-1
6	UNCW	2-3	5-7-1
7	Old Dominion	1-1-2	7-1-2
8	Delaware	1-2-1	3-8-2
9	George Mason	1-3	8-4
10	Georgia State	1-3	4-7
11	William & Mary	0-3-2	2-8-3

CAA VOLLEYBALL			
		CAA	Overall
1	Northeastern	5-0	16-3
2	Towson	4-0	17-3
3	Delaware	3-1	8-11
4	James Madison	2-2	9-9
5	George Mason	2-2	4-13
6	Hofstra	2-3	14-10
7	William & Mary	2-3	10-9
8	Georgia State	9-0-4	2-14
9	UNCW	0-5	7-13

CAA WOMEN'S SOCCER			
		CAA	Overall
1	William & Mary	5-0	11-3
2	Drexel	4-1-1	10-2-2
3	Hofstra	4-1	8-5
4	Delaware	4-2	7-6
5	Northeastern	3-2	5-8
6	UNCW	3-3	8-6-1
7	James Madison	3-3	5-9
8	George Mason	1-3-1	5-8-1
9	Towson	1-4	1-11-1
10	Georgia State	1-5	4-8-1
11	Old Dominion	0-5	2-11

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