To those whom it concerns,

The Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire recently passed the attached resolution with overwhelming support requesting that “the appropriate offices withhold all directory information with the exception of name and official email.” The Student Senate feels that the current information available on the blackboard directory is too extensive and accordingly does not properly protect students from the dangers of stalking. The Student Senate respectfully requests that these offices remove all personal information on blackboard from the view of other students by the start of the 2016 Spring Semester. The Student Senate also respectfully requests that if it is not possible to selectively remove this information by this date, all directory information be removed from view.

Respectfully,
Gabriel Hoffman
Speaker of the University of New Hampshire Student Senate
Student Senate Resolution XXXVII – 13 Stalking and the Blackboard Directory

Introduced by: Student Body Vice-President, Ryan Grogan  
Date: November 15th, 2015

Whereas, 7.5 million people are stalked in one year in the United States\(^1\), and

Whereas, about half of all victims of stalking indicated they were stalked before the age of 25\(^2\), and

Whereas, this is the traditional college age range, and

Whereas, the current set up of Blackboard allows all students to access other students information, and

Whereas, some of the information includes but is not limited to: hall, room number, home address and home telephone, and

Whereas, this information could aid a stalking, therefore

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire that the appropriate offices withhold all directory information with the exception of name and official email, and

Be it further resolved if the requested information cannot be selectively hidden, then all directory information will be taken down until such a time that only name and official email can be displayed, and

Be it further resolved that these changes be implemented prior to the start of the 2016 January Term.

Senate Action: Passes with 1 nay  
Speaker Verification: Gabriel Hoffman

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\(^2\) Ibid.