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New Addition to NHC

More Construction on Campus

By Adrian Mroczko

By now everyone has seen the recent construction going on around the Belknap House area of campus. At the time of this writing, the foundation and frame of this new building are up, but more work remains to be done. The construction is scheduled to be completed sometime during the summer.

The new building still does not have a final name, but sources have tentatively labeled it the "International Center" until a final decision is made regarding the name. This will be the new home of Public Safety, the ALCC, and the Center for International Exchange, in addition to various classrooms and offices. According to the blueprints and floor plan of the "International Center," it's safe to say this building will resemble Washington Hall and the new Graduate and Culinary buildings with the same brick exterior and similar style of roofing. The only difference between the "International Center" and the other three buildings is that the "International Center" will have only one floor, thus allowing the structure to be constructed of wood rather than steel like the other three recently completed buildings. Doing this will allow construction costs to come

down considerably.

The "International Center" is being constructed as the final step in NHC's plan to consolidate all facilities to the south campus. The Culinary and Graduate school programs have already made the move from their north campus locations. About all that remains at the north campus now is the ALCC (American Language and Culture Center) program, which will be making the move to the "International Center" shortly after construction is completed. NHC is currently working on selling the north campus property, but this may take some time as the area may need to be re-zoned in order to appear more attractive to prospective buyers.

The recent construction on campus is a good sign to students and staff. It shows that NHC has made the commitment to modernizing and improving the overall look of the campus. The long-range plan is to have all the residence areas and academic halls rebuilt to match the brick-exterior appearance of the newly completed buildings. This may take some time, but then again, considering how quickly the other new structures went from concept to final construction, it may be a lot sooner than many think.

Culinary Knowledge Bowl Competition

By Susanna A. Thomas

On April 5, the NHC Culinary Knowledge Bowl Team (also known as the "Dent de Loups") competed in the Baron H. Galand Knowledge Bowl competition in Cherry Hill, NJ. This competition was held to see who would represent the northeast region in the National Competition held in Atlanta, GA.

The NHC team consisted of Culinary seniors: team captain Cheryl Arciere, Jeff Girouard, Diane Marquis, Megan Zobel, alternate Jeremy Keister and coach Chef Desmond Keefe.

NHC placed second overall, with Indiana University of Pennsylvania coming in first and Atlantic Community College third. The winning team received a two-thousand dollar prize and will represent our region in the Atlanta, GA competition held in July 1997.

Congratulations to the Class of 1997! Good Luck!

Thirty Years of Service at NHC

By Adrian Mroczko

Dr. George Larkin, the Vice President for Student Affairs, was honored at the 1997 NHC Service Awards.

The Awards were held on Friday, April 11, to recognize NHC employees who have reached milestones in their service to the college. Awards were given to staff members who have accumulated 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and, in Dr. Larkin's case, 30 years of service. Employees from any department are eligible for this award, and judging from the number of those attending this ceremony, it is safe to say virtually all departments were represented.

Dr. Larkin is almost a per-

manent fixture at this college. He greets students whenever they see him and about, and treats them with great respect. NHC just wouldn't be the same without him. Dr. Larkin is extremely friendly and approachable and enjoys seeing the students grow throughout their stay at NHC. He keeps himself incredibly busy both at work and in his own time. He is a member of various professional and charitable organizations and also finds time to coach football games. At NHC, he gets the job done and goes out of his way to be there to assist students in any way he can.

Congratulations to Dr. Larkin for a job well done and here's hoping for another thirty years of service to NHC!



From left to right: Megan Zobel, Jeff Girouard, Cheryl Arciere, Coach Desmond Keefe and Diane Marquis.



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Editorials

To the Editor:

I am a tour guide on this campus, and my main purpose is to show prospective students that we at NHC have a great campus and school. I've noticed, though, that when a visitor asks the question "What are the professors like?" I get a horrible feeling in the pit of my stomach. As a second semester-sophomore, I have had 19 different teachers here. Sadly, I have noticed that there seems to be one common "problem" with many (not all) of them.

It seems that when this school hires a teacher, they feel that if there is a "Dr." preceding the name, then that person must be an excellent instructor. **Wrong!!!** The "Dr.'s" I have had so far have been extremely boring, especially when they lecture *almost verbatim* from the book. I don't doubt the intellect of these obviously intelligent people, I just doubt their ability to help students understand their particular subject.

I know that the school has committees that allow students to help in the selection process of these instructors, but everyone makes mistakes, so why can't we fix them? I mean, what happens to all those teacher evaluations that we fill out at the end of a semester? Most fill them out honestly. How hard is it to say that a teacher

is boring? Better yet, how hard is it to try and incorporate "interesting" things in class to keep students attentive?

There are other things that bother me about other teachers. For example, there is a teacher who is notorious for bringing up "sex" in many of the class discussions. Anyone who has had this instructor knows who I am talking about. Why does this teacher do this? Why is it allowed? I have talked to other professors, staff and students. Some people explain it by saying that it is regarding the material that's being covered. However, I feel like it comes up too often. That's just wrong, and it makes me uncomfortable. And what about those teachers who talk/yell down to classes? I was in class this semester when a teacher yelled at us because he knew the answer and we didn't. That's why we're in school, and you're teaching us. At least, that's what I thought anyway.

I'm here to get an education that can help me get a job when I graduate. I would prefer to know what I have to do when I get that job than explain why I don't have a clue, but am perfectly capable of staring out the window half asleep.

Serena M. Chessey

To the Editor:

I came to this school back in the fall of 1995 as a 20-year-old sophomore. I had been here for a visit in February of that year and fell in love with the place. Such clean air, such a great atmosphere for learning, such a great soccer team. I thought to myself, what could go wrong here? Well, as I and many other people at this school have found out, plenty.

It seems that this school does not run by the code "innocent until proven guilty." It's more like "guilty until you prove you are innocent." In the last year and a half, I have had many run-ins with our "friends" at Public Safety. Some have been pleasant run-ins. I do like Alan. He's a cool guy. Likes to talk to you and is very friendly. Then, there are his "rough boy" coworkers. What's with these people? It seems like their sole goal in life is to make college life as miserable as it can be for NHC students.

Take for example my first experience with these people. It was the day before I was to go home for Christmas Break in 1995. My friend had left his car parked outside of his dorm in order to load his stuff up. While he was doing this, his mother called and the conversation was lengthy. During this 30 minutes, the Public Safety officer on duty, this tall dude, called the towing company to tow my friend's car away. Keeping in mind that what my friend was doing was perfectly legal, I went out to inform this Public Safety officer that he would be right out or that I would even move his car for him. In a rash outburst of expletives, this officer told me I couldn't touch the car because the tow company was on the way and that, God forbid, the school would have to pay the \$20 fee. I returned his outburst with one of my own and then proceeded to get into the car. He then grabbed my arm and I told him never to touch me again. Avoiding any more conflict, I walked back into the dorm. After the car was towed to, get this, the athletic building parking lot, he immediately came to find me so he could write me up. I complied and gave him my ID and was happy to tell him I would see him at our meeting. Well, Public Safety held me accountable for everything because the officer had told them a completely different story than what really happened that night. They immediately dropped the case when I told them my story and also had two witnesses show up and tell them the same thing as well. I had to prove to the head PS officers that I was right. They took their friend's word over mine. Do I pay to go to school here or does he? Should I have the right to speak my side before a decision is made? I think so.

I have had many other instances like the preceding where I was convicted before even being tried. But, I would like to write about some friends of mine who have been made targets of Public Safety. They are the boys who live in Whittier 27. In fact, they were the ones who inspired me to write about this problem. I mean, everyone knows about these guys and their legendary problems with PS. One just got kicked off campus for doing something he didn't do. One is being charged for, get this, sexual harassment because he touched a Public Safety officer during a conversation they were having. I mean, come on. This is ridiculous. I also lost one of my best friends on campus because he had to leave because PS pretty much forced him off the premises after he had done really nothing wrong. The point I am trying to convey is one of freedom. The students here at this school should be able to enjoy their college days and not have to worry about PS being there every step of the way. College life is meant to be fun. Let's keep it that way, PS.

Ante D. Cop

Quote of the week:

"Education is hanging around 'til you've caught on"

—Robert Frost

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Editorials and FYI

THE EDITOR'S DESK

What you now hold in your hands is the final issue of the Observer this semester. As much as the staff and I would have loved to publish the eight issues we were contracted for, it could not be done. We got off to a slow start this year due in part to a constantly changing and diminishing staff and a budget that was far less than what we originally expected to receive.

The point I'm trying to make here is that we didn't just give up and cease publishing the Observer. We hung in there through the difficult times, never losing sight of our ultimate goal: to produce a quality publication that serves as the voice of the NHC community. I would like to thank and congratulate the remaining staff for their excellent contributions and for the professionalism they have shown throughout the year. It's the hard-working people like our staff members who help NHC look good when compared to other colleges. I would also like to thank our many contributing writers and the English professors (Bob Begiebing, Julia Di Stefano and Don Sieker) who encouraged them. While I'm on the subject of thanking people, I'd like to express my gratitude to the following who helped us out immensely during the year: George Larkin, Bob Doucette, the Wellness Center staff, the Learning Center, the Computer Center staff, Pat Beaton, Ed Daniels and Carol West of the library, Donna Marshall, Bob Linquist, Bev and Bruce Joyce and Ausra Kubilius, our advisor.

I'm already looking forward to next year. Budget requests have been turned in, and we're doing our best to recruit new writers/editors. We are constantly looking for cost-cutting measures and ways to streamline the production process. We've been listening to the feedback from the NHC community regarding our last few issues and are taking the steps necessary to implement these new ideas in future issues. I think it's safe to say that next year will be a much kinder and more prosperous one for the Observer.

I sincerely hope you've all had a great year and enjoyed much success. Students, please consider joining us next year. You want changes at NHC? Well, then, get involved! You won't regret it.

Adrian
Editor in Chief

Let the BORROWER Beware

By George Miville and
Adrian Mroczko

Last semester a student borrowed a car in good faith from another student. Due to some misunderstanding the lender filed a complaint of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The borrower was arrested and a long and arduous judicial process followed, which eventually led to a

finding of not guilty.

Although the accused was acquitted, the process left its toll on both the accused and the accuser.

The lesson here is that we should be ever vigilant in our inter-personal dealings and transactions. "Neither a lender nor borrower be."

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Studies Show That Marijuana Users Lack Attention

College Press Service

College students who smoke marijuana daily have a harder time taking tests or remembering something just explained to them, even if they haven't smoked the drug in 24 hours, according to a study by hospital researchers.

But whether their abilities are impaired simply from the lingering effects of the drug or more seriously from longer-lasting effects on brain function still is not clear to researchers.

Two groups of college students, 65 "heavy" users who smoke pot daily and 64 "light" users who smoke two days a month, volunteered to undergo a battery of tests on their verbal abilities, attention and memory. Researchers monitored the students for 24 hours before the study to assure that none smoked the drug during the testing period.

"The heavy users had more trouble paying attention," said Dr. Harrison G. Pope, chief of the biological psychiatry laboratory at McLean Hospital, whose study appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The heavy users made significant, repeated mistakes in card sorting and showed reduced learning of word lists, Pope said.

"It's not so much that their memory was affected," he said. "It's that they could not pay attention to the material well enough to register the information in the

first place so that it could be repeated later."

The study, funded by the National Institutes of Health, provides some of the most conclusive evidence yet that cognitive abilities are impaired more in heavy pot smokers than light smokers, even after a day's abstinence from the drug.

Despite these findings, the question still remains as to what exactly causes the impairment.

Scientists have yet to understand if abilities are impaired because of the drug's "hangover" effect or as a result of "a more ominous, neurotoxic effect on the brain," Pope said.

"It is remarkable that marijuana has been consumed for thousands of years and studied for decades, yet we still don't know the answer to that fundamental question," he added.

Deborah Yurgelun-Todd, director of neuropsychology at McLean Hospital, co-conducted the study and said more research is needed.

"Only by further study of these issues can it be judged whether... impairment with marijuana should be considered a public health problem," she said.

A new study is planned at McLean to determine whether long-term, heavy marijuana users still have impaired abilities up to four weeks after stopping drug use.

The Observer would like to congratulate next year's new officers of the Student Government Association:

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Salzberger, Triston Harris, Kellie Patane

FYI

Fashion Show Extravaganza

By Serena M. Chessey

On April 10, the NHC Retail Sales Promotion Class put on the 22nd Annual Fashion Show. Before the show was a dinner catered by the NHC College Food Service. After dinner the show was hosted by alumna Michelle Lamontagne.

The small gym had musical notes decorating the walls, and music in the background to accompany dinner. Lining the stage and runway were beautiful potted plants.

All of the clothing was chosen by Siesonn Fontaine, the Chairperson of Fashion Coordination. The clothes were provided by the Weathervane, J.C. Penney, George's Clothing Mart, County Seat and Aldo's Shoe Store, all from the Pheasant Lane Mall. The clothing was modeled by students from NHC. The models' hair and makeup were done by Michael's School of Hair Design.

The show started with the music of the Spice Girls and the spring clothing line. The next portion of the show was the summer line, followed by the athletic line. The next line was women's office

clothing. Probably the cutest portion of the show was the sleepwear: Sleepy students with their teddy bears, and the highlight was the modeling of the bathrobe and boxers by Jay Brancoti. Last, there was the most elegant part of the show. All of the models were modeling dresses and suits for the Evening of Elegance while dancing to Bruce Springsteen's "Secret Garden." It was probably the most heartfelt moment of the show.

Breaking up the show into portions were two songs sung by Michelle Lamontagne. A presentation of vinyl clothing was put on by Jamie Marquis, Jamie Williams and Rick Milliken. At a more gothic part of the show was Sean Diaz in an \$85 top hat and coat. Accompanying him was Becky Dorunda in an equally strange outfit. Concluding the show were all of the models and coordinators walking onto the runway to wave to the audience.

Overall the event was a fabulous night and next year's fashion show has high expectations it will have to live up to.

SPILLED INK CONTEST WINNER

Many thanks go out to everyone who participated in last issue's Spilled Ink Contest. Justin Moore has been declared the winner of the contest by the Observer staff for his poem titled "The Magic Hole."

Congratulations to Justin and to everyone who participated.

THE MAGIC HOLE

By Justin Moore

The magic hole,
my special place.
It comforts me,
and hides my face.

Children's fears.
Cries. Distress.
I run, I hide
so I may rest.

My place is there,
right under my blanket.
It protects me,
so I cry and thank it.

When I was a boy,
it was my retreat.

So filled with warmth,
its loving heat.

Saving my mind
from the deepest black raven,
as soon as they come,
I run to my haven.

Although my shelter
is only in my mind,
it helps me to think
the world is more kind.

Now I am older.
I may not be scared,
but I'll always remember
my place that cared.

CAMPUS SECURITY LOG

By Adrian Mroczko

4/2/97, 1210 hrs, Gym/Fieldhouse, Trespass

An officer received a complaint from athletics stating there was a group of unregistered people in the gym. The officer arrived on the scene and confronted the subjects. He asked them for NHC I.D.'s or facility passes. There were approximately 25 people who didn't possess either so they were promptly told to leave, which they did without any further argument.

4/6/97, 0100 hrs, Call to Assist R.A. for Reported Fight, Townhouse Area

At the above date and time, a request for Public Safety assistance was made by the R.A. on duty in the townhouse area. Upon arrival, the responding officers met with the R.A. There was no fight in progress when they arrived, but further information confirmed that two female students had an altercation earlier that night. The matter was left up to Residence Life to deal with since they knew the names of the students involved.

4/6/97, 2100 hrs, Larceny, Upper Suites

A student called Public Safety to report the theft of some items from her room. She had left campus on Thursday night and returned to find her door unlocked. A fellow resident informed her that Public Safety had keyed into her room on Friday morning to silence her alarm clock, which had been ringing for a few hours. Public Safety told the student a report would be filed and the Director would investigate the matter further.

4/8/97, 1705 hrs, Maintenance Problem, Stark Hall

Public Safety received a call regarding a urinal overflowing in the men's room of Stark Hall. The on-duty officer responded to the scene in a prompt manner and shut the water off to that particular urinal. All appeared well and no further action was needed.

4/13/97, 0044 hrs, Fire and Safety Hazards, Townhouse Area

A party had to be broken up at the above date and time because too many people were in a particular townhouse and also due to the fact that there were people hanging out of the windows. One of the residents of the townhouse was told to break up the party immediately. He was very cooperative. About 60 people were counted as they exited the building. There was no further trouble from this location.

4/13/97, 0208 hrs, Medical/AOD Violation/Underage, Upper Suites

At the above date and time Public Safety was called in to assist the R.D. at the above location. There was a student in the men's room who was vomiting blood. The student then got up and began to walk away. The officer stopped the subject so he could speak with him. The individual admitted to having too much to drink at a party earlier that night. He felt sick and rushed into the men's room, where he began to vomit blood. EMT's were called in and checked the subject out. He refused to go to the hospital, so the EMT's asked that someone watch over him for the remainder of the night.

4/13/97, 0245 hrs, Disorderly Conduct, Washington Hall

Public Safety was notified of someone running up and down the hall punching and banging the walls in Washington Hall. The responding officer met with the R.A., and she stated she was informed by another resident that the commotion was caused by a student who had damage done to his CD player that night. He was upset about the incident and proceeded to displace his anger on the hallway walls. After a quick check, it was found there was no apparent damage done in the halls. No further action taken.

FYI

Fine Cheap Eats

By Amber Shields

During April 13-15, The Bay Side Expo Center in Boston was packed full of the best food and drink on the East Coast.

The Northeast Food and Beverage Expo was the event food-service professionals, fine-food connoisseurs and even hungry and curious college students had been waiting for. You don't get to see an array of fine food like this very often. You just paid the small registration fee at the door, and everything else was free! Visitors checked out over 800 exhibitors all boasting a food product new to the market. These aggressive exhibitors captured attention as well as taste buds, while they pulled you over to try their food. From Russian to Chinese to Mexican, the plethora of food was overwhelming.

This year the Northeast Food Show was better than ever. They added free conference sessions that are essential to those who would like to start their own restaurant or are involved in the food-service field. These free

conferences covered cost control, profitable ways to improve your restaurant, internet communication and much more. You could obtain a copy of the free conference sessions schedule once you got in the door.

One of the most exciting features this year was the Exotic Beer Garden. It illustrated how many microbreweries there are in New England and gave a "hands on" look at various imported beers and spirits. Vendors set up booths and promoted their brews by offering complimentary bottles of different sorts.

In one section of the center, there were cooking demos done by famous chefs such as Paul Prudhomme. In another section there autograph sessions with famous cookbook writers. Also new to this year's show was the buyers' choice awards where visitors got to be the judge, do all the tasting and then vote for the best food product.

This expo is an annual event worth attending.

Hospitality Gets a

Face-Lift

By Jeffrey Girouard

As you may know, the NHC hospitality division is now housed in a new building on south campus. What you may not know are the changes that have happened behind the scenes and the changes that are yet to come.

The new building is now the center for all hospitality majors (culinary arts, restaurant management, hotel administration and tourism). Housed in this facility are culinary arts kitchens, classrooms, the culinary restaurant, faculty offices, conference rooms and banquet facilities.

Many of you may ask why this change took place. It is part of the college's campus-consolidation program. It is also meant to cater to the demands of a growing hospitality program. The move to south campus is part of a strategic plan, along with the development of new courses and the hiring of new faculty members.

The biggest changes are planned for the culinary arts program. The last revisions to the curriculum were in the mid-1980's, and it has come time to make more revisions to keep up with the ever-changing culinary field. In the fall, there will be a new baking major offered. With this, students will receive their

culinary degree with a concentration in baking arts. Other changes include culinary luncheons offered every week at a reduced rate, dinners on Wednesday and Thursday nights and a coffee shop that will serve fresh pastries and an assortment of beverages.

Another change still on the drawing board is a computer lab dedicated to hospitality majors. Software installed on these computers will include programs relevant to course work given in the hospitality classes. Also in the plans is a front desk/reception area for hotel and tourism majors. Here, students will be able to roleplay and prepare presentations for their classes.

Floor Evacuated: The Cause? Pepper Spray

By Adrian Mroczko

In the late afternoon of April 3, the top floor of Winnisquam (suites 6 and 8) was evacuated due to unknown fumes. Affected residents complained of burning sensations in the eye area, choking and a difficulty breathing. The fire department and ambulance crew were called in to determine the cause of the fumes and to see what could be done about rectifying the situation.

Authorities came to the conclusion that the mysterious vapors were actually pepper spray that someone sprayed in the hallway. After about an hour, the dorm was deemed safe for residents to reenter. All were advised to keep their windows open and to report any signs of deteriorating health immediately. There were no suspects at the time.

None of the residents were seriously hurt, but several had oxygen administered to them by the paramedics. Two students began to experience complications from the after-effects of exposure to the pepper spray a little later in the evening. They were transported to local hospitals where they were treated and later released.

From the Desk of the Wellness Center

Beware of the Sun

Source: *Prescription for Nutritional Healing*

Submitted by: Nancy White, Wellness Center

Sunburn is caused by excessive exposure to ultraviolet rays. The amount of exposure that will cause a burn depends on the individual, the place, the time and the atmospheric conditions.

Avoid the sun when the ultraviolet rays are at their strongest, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Reflections from water, metal, sand or snow may double the amount of rays you absorb.

Burns are classified in three degrees. A first-degree sunburn reddens the skin. A second-degree sunburn causes reddening of the skin with some water blisters. A third-degree sunburn requires the immediate care of a physician and causes cell damage and the release of fluid, resulting in eruptions and breaks in the skin where bacteria and infection can enter.

Remember that ultraviolet rays can penetrate clouds--you can burn without realizing it on hazy days.

The following are suggestions for alternative methods of easing the discomfort of sunburn.

*Make a large pot of strong tea and let it cool. Soak cotton in the tea and apply to the affected areas. Leave on for thirty minutes.

*Dissolve one pound of baking soda into a tub of cool water. Soak in the tub for about thirty minutes.

*Massage aloe vera juice on the sunburned area. Reapply every hour. NOTE: Aloe vera will also help moisturize and relieve skin of dryness. Use pure products without mineral oil, paraffin waxes, alcohol or coloring.

Enjoy your summer without burning.

Cellular Phones and Car Accidents

Source: *The New England Journal of Medicine*

A new report on using a cellular phone while driving reveals a hazardous connection: a four-fold increased risk of having an accident.

Researchers in Toronto studied 699 drivers with cellular phones who were involved in car crashes that caused property damage but no injuries. To avoid the confounding effects of age, driving record, visual acuity and other characteristics that might influence the risk of accidents, they compared the 10-minute period preceding the accident with the same time period on a previous day for each driver. They found that the risk of a collision was quadrupled when the phone was being used.

Having a "hands-free" phone offered no advantage over a hand-held phone, though the study, in the February 13 *New England Journal of Medicine*, may have been too small to answer that question definitively.

It may be the conversation, not dialing and holding the phone, that's dangerous, points out Scott McKnight, a research associate at the National Public Services Research Institute who has studied cellular phones and driving. On the phone, people are more likely to have intense conversations that involve problem solving--which is more distracting than shooting the breeze with a passenger. Also, passengers may alert drivers to dangerous situations and stop talking, in contrast to someone on the other end of the line.

About 39 percent of the people in the study used their cellular phones to call emergency services immediately after the collision--which suggests an advantage to having a phone in the car, the authors note. To be safe, they advise drivers to keep phone conversations short and hang up quickly in tricky driving situations.

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Class of 1997 Voices and Faces

By Serena M. Chessey

"What are your plans after graduation?"



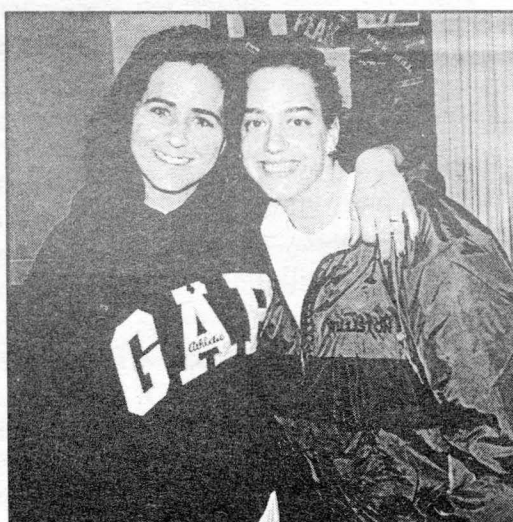
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"I'm going to Montana to work at the Sweet Grass Ranch."



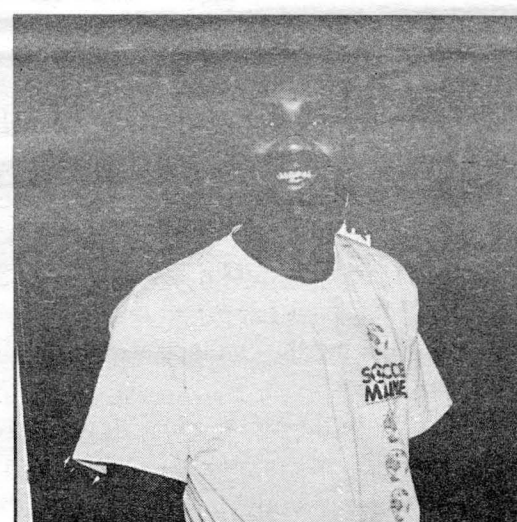
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"I plan to get married, move to Orlando, FL., and work for Disney World as a Pastry Chef. Hopefully"



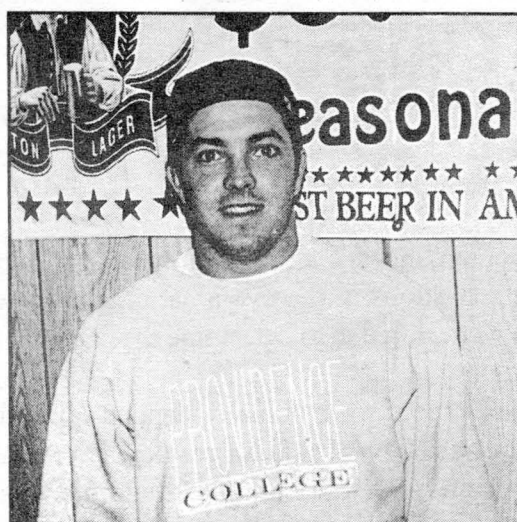
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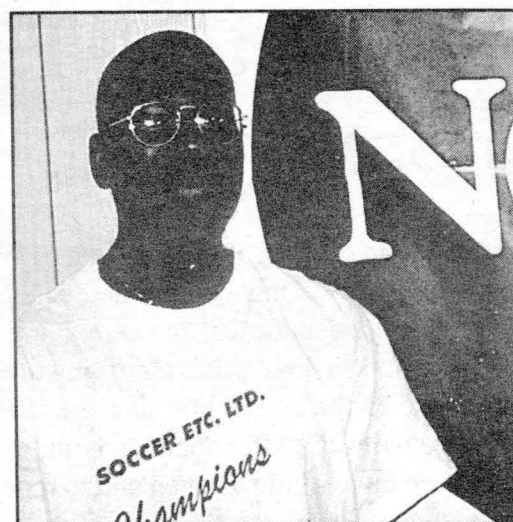
Tammi Wells & Julie Parker
"I'm planning on going to work in a hotel in South Carolina."
"I'm planning on working in the sports industry."



Eli Montero
"Going to England to play professional soccer."



Rick Milliken
"I'm going back-packing through Europe for a month and a half. Then hopefully getting a job."



Jamie Williams
"Playing soccer for the NH Phantoms. Then moving to Europe and becoming a male stripper."

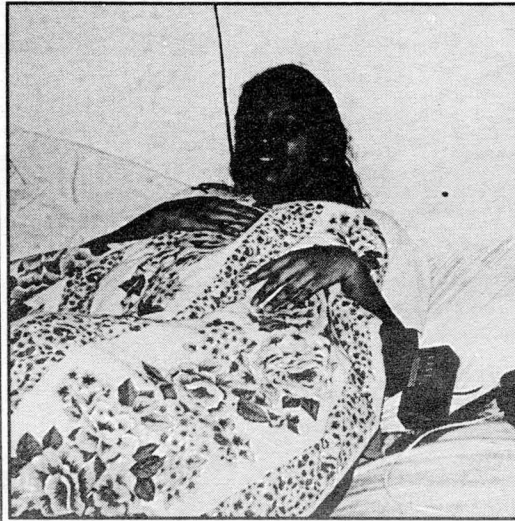


Cara Benaski
"Getting a job and working with criminals."

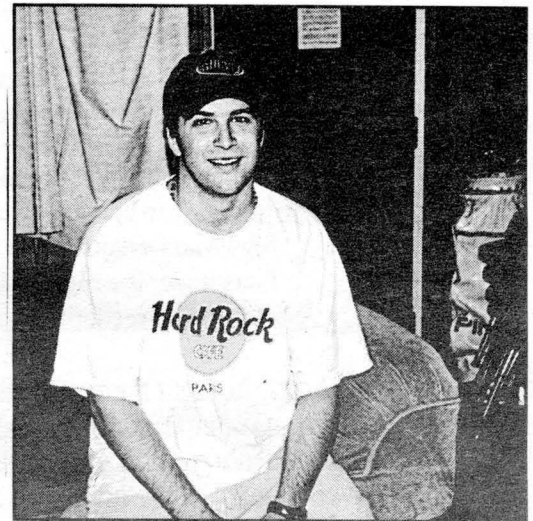
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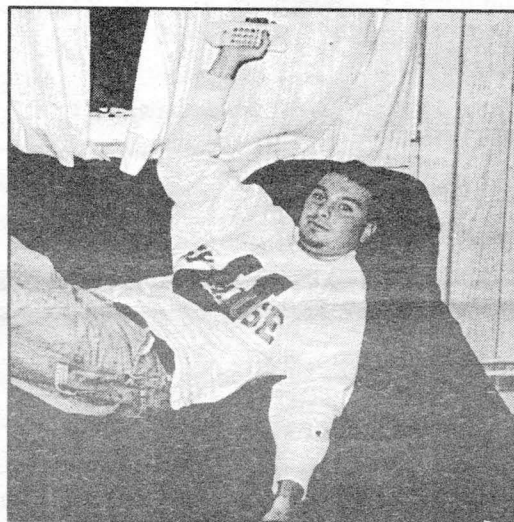
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"I'm going home to St. Lucia."



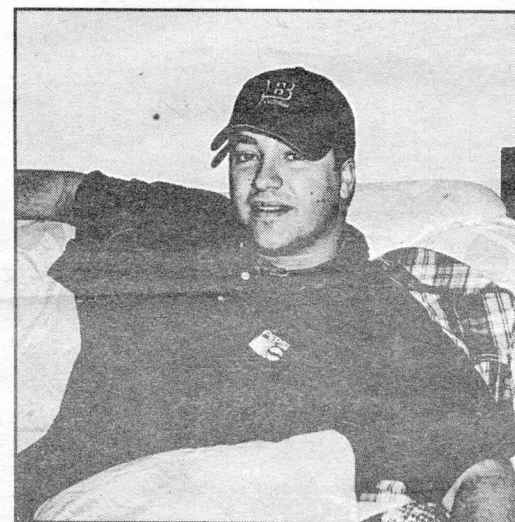
Shahla Siddiqui
"I'm going back to Pakistan."



Eric Champagne
"I'm going to be a professional masseur, and I'm looking for subjects to enhance my abilities if anyone's interested. Then I plan on freaking out as much as possible."



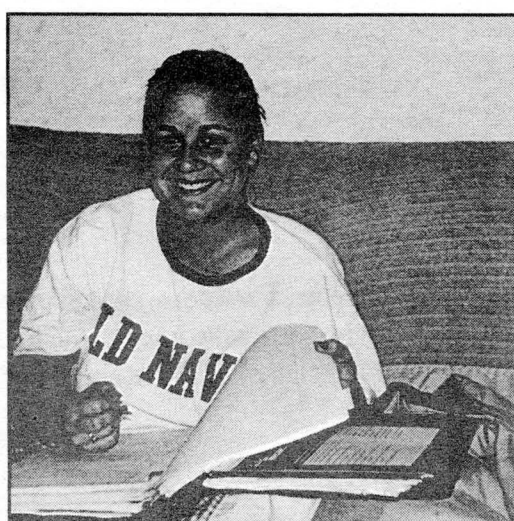
Greg Bailey
"I'm working for the circus."



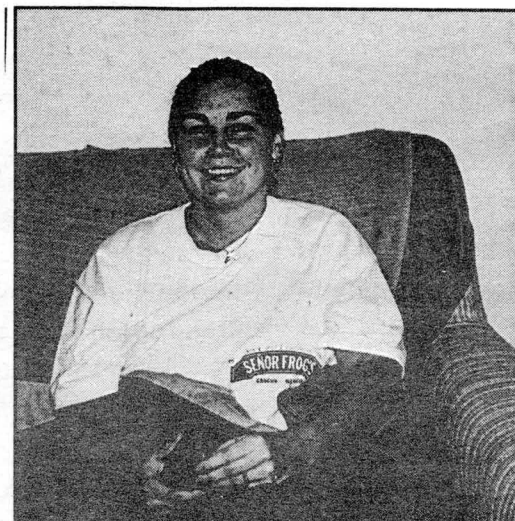
John Murray
"I'm going to get a job."



Chris Gaidos
"Getting a job."



Megan Briger
"I'm going to be a Pocahontas waitress at Foxwoods."



Angie Buckler
"I'm going to Sea World to swim with the dolphins."



Nicki Detrani
"I'm going to be the new center for the Celtics."

Entertainment

Notable Dates

This information was compiled by Adrian Mroczo with the assistance of Pat Beaton.
Source: Chase's 1997 Calendar of Events

- May 1:
National Bike Month
National Sight-Saving Month
Revise Your Work Schedule Month
- May 3:
"CBS Evening News" TV Premiere: Anniversary
Lumpy Rug Day/ to encourage the custom of teasing bigots and trigots for shoving unwelcome facts under the rug.
U.N. World Press Freedom Day
- May 4:
Acknowledge Your Supportive Spouse Day
Conserve Water/Detect-A-Leak Week
Audrey Hepburn Birth Anniversary (1929)
International Un-Mother's Day/ a day to recognize that a woman's worth is not determined by motherhood alone.
National Postcard Week
Relationship Renewal Day/ to salute and strengthen committed couples who value change and acceptance in the context of an on-going relationship.
- May 5:
Baseball's First Perfect Game Anniversary (1904)/ Cy Young of the Boston Americans pitches his team to a 3-0 victory over Philadelphia.
Karl Marx Birth Anniversary (1818)
- May 6:
National Teacher Day
- May 7:
National Tourist Appreciation Day/ recognizes that tourism is the second-largest employer in the U.S.
- May 8:
First of Muharram: Islamic New Year
No Socks Day/ if we give up wearing socks for one day, it will mean less laundry, thereby contributing to the betterment of the environment.
- May 11:
Alcohol and Other Drug-Related Birth Defects Week
Mother's Day
National Police Week
Eat What You Want Day/ self-explanatory, ignore all the bad-food myths you may have heard about and enjoy what you like.
- May 12:
National Sexual Harassment Awareness Week
Odometer Invented: 100th Anniversary
- May 13:
Attempted Assassination of Pope John Paul II Anniversary

- May 14:
National Third-Shift Workers Day/ to show appreciation for and to honor those often-forgotten workers who toil through the night to keep countless companies and businesses running smoothly.
- May 15:
U.N. International Day of Families
- May 16:
Sammy Davis Jr. Death Anniversary (1990)
Jim Henson Death Anniversary (1990)
- May 17:
First Kentucky Derby Anniversary (1875)
- May 18:
Visit Your Relatives Day
- May 19:
Malcolm X Birth Anniversary (1925)
National Educational Bosses Week/ a week to honor bosses in the field of education such as principals and superintendents.
- May 20:
National Bike-To-Work Day
- May 21:
National Waitstaff Day/ a day for restaurant managers and patrons to express their appreciation to waitresses and waiters.
- May 22:
Arthur Conan Doyle: Birth Anniversary (1859)/ best known for his creation of Sherlock Holmes.
Mr. Roger's Neighborhood TV Premiere (1967)/ one of the most nauseatingly popular and longest-running children's TV shows in history. "Won't you be my neighbor?"
- May 23:
National Death Busters Day/ strange name, but on this day, every state is encouraged to set a goal of having no traffic fatalities.
- May 24:
International Jazz Day
- May 25:
Indianapolis 500 Race
National Missing Children's Day
- May 26:
John Wayne, 90th Birth Anniversary (1907)
Patrick Henry Birth Anniversary (1736)/ best known for saying "Give me liberty or give me death" in one of his speeches.
- May 30:
Fender Bender Awareness Day
First American Daily Newspaper Published (1783)/ The Philadelphia Evening Post.
- May 31:
National Save Your Hearing Day
Seinfeld TV Premiere/ the show about "nothing" premiered in 1990.
World No-Tobacco Day

Ask Lolita

Dear Lolita,
I'm feeling really run down and I want to do something so I can stay awake while I'm cramming for finals. What should I do?
-Sleepy Dwarf

- (a)Well, I find the perfect mid-morning energizer to be Wheat Thins dipped in your favorite flavor of yogurt. (Editor's Note: No promotional fee has been paid by Nabisco for the reference to the Wheat Thins brand name in this column.)
- (b)The first thing you have to do is get plenty of rest; that means going to bed before midnight. Second, you have to eat healthy foods. Stay away from all the fatty, fried foods in the snack bar and go for a salad. A little physical activity always puts me in the right mood to study.

Dear Lolita,
My friends keep calling me early in the morning and keep me up really late. How can I get them to hang up without sounding like a real jerk.
-E.T. phone home (NOT ME!)

- (a)Don't worry about saying anything. The only real jerk is the person

who's keeping you up.
(b)Hear your friends out; I'm sure they wouldn't call you unless they really wanted to talk to you and really value your opinion.

Dear Lolita,
One of my friends didn't bother buying any of her books this semester and she doesn't take notes in class either. She just comes to me to use my books and notes and I'm really getting sick of it. What should I do?
-Broke (and paying for it)

- (a)Stop being such a pushover and stand up for yourself. Tell her to save her money for books instead of going out to party on the weekend.
- (b)Suggest to your friend that she share in the burden of taking notes in class and let her know how you feel about the whole situation. Getting everything out into the open is the first step in resolving the problem.

It should be understood that all advice given is the advice of students. Any action taken as a result of this advice is the responsibility of the person taking the advice. The Observer staff cannot be held responsible.

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Invitation to Observer Barbecue

The Observer staff would like to thank the following contributing writers for their help in producing the newspaper this year. For all of your help, there will be a barbecue down at the Observer office at Merrimack on Sunday, April 27, at 4 p.m.

Jeff Soscia
Jesse Buss
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Christopher Kuleci
Kaoru Miyanaga
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Christy Heady
Ted Hudson
Mika Holmqvist

Alex Wezdecki
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Brian Dalesandro
Jesse Collar
Donna Ritchie
Eric Merriam
Kelly Wisnieski
Kerri Raymond
John Schiavo

Cathy Griswold
Gene Altidor
Josh Szulewski
Xavier Serrano
Robert Schiavo
Sandra C. Forcier
Justin Moore
Susanna A. Thomas
AND any other student who published in the Observer this year.

Sports

NHC to Add Men's Cross Country in 1997

Source: NHC Press Release

New Hampshire College athletic director Chip Polak has announced that the school will offer the intercollegiate sport of men's cross country beginning in the fall of 1997. Ed Daniels, who brings with him 25 years of coaching experience and USATF Level II certification, will serve as head coach. Daniels headed up the women's cross country program at NHC the past two seasons. Dr. Nick Nugent, who has spent the last two years as assistant women's cross country coach at NHC, will take control of the women's program.

Plans are also underway to develop an 8K/5-mile course in and around the NHC campus for home competitions.

"With the women's cross country program on solid ground, the addition of a men's team seemed like a natural progression," said Polak. "Ed Daniels and Nick Nugent have shown that they are committed to developing a respected cross country program here at NHC."

The Penmen harriers will compete at the NCAA Division II level as a member of the New England Collegiate Conference. NHC will compete in several invitationals during its rookie season, including the Saint Anselm College Shacklette Invitational. The 1997 NECC championships are hosted by the University of Albany on October 25.

"The immediate goal of the program is to provide students with an outlet for fitness and an opportunity to compete in collegiate athletics," said Daniels. "It will offer a positive experience to anyone who is willing to challenge themselves and make the commitment to the training regimen which is unique to long distance running."

With the addition of men's cross country, NHC now offers a total of 11 intercollegiate sports.

The Great American Pastime at NHC

By Ante D. Cop

With every spring comes a rebirth, a sort of new beginning. The trees begin to fill up with leaves again, flowers bloom, grass grows and the sound of baseballs hitting leather, wood and aluminum fill the air in the United States. The rite of passage is no different here at NHC.

With a disappointing 1996 season that saw the Penmen finish four games under .500 behind them, Coach Bruce Joyce and his squad come into the 1997 season strong in every position from top to bottom. With the hope that a couple of the close games go their way this year, the Penmen are looking to make 1997 a year full of great accomplishments. Returning key players are pitchers Mark Perc and Steve Agostino, shortstop Jason Longo, outfielders Scott Bilodeau and Jeff Weakes and pitcher Steve Shea.

With all this in their favor, the Penmen headed down to Florida over Spring Break in search of a couple of quality outings. They started off well, but faded in the middle before picking up another win at the end of the trip to put their record at 3-7. NHC played some top Division 2 teams like Gannon University and Kennesaw State while in Florida. Since their return, NHC has picked

it up and has now upped their record to a respectable 7-10 mark. The brightest spot on the team has been the pitching of Perc. His 5-0 record with an ERA of .35 are both close to school records.

There are some key games coming up on the schedule in the next few weeks against tough opponents such as Franklin Pierce, Bridgeport and St. Anselm's. If you can, go out and support our Penmen. Good luck to the boys in the final portion of the season!

Why Do We Play Sports?

By Ante D. Cop

On this planet we call home, there are millions of people playing sports at any given time. Whether it be in Sydney, Australia, Chicago, Illinois, Nagano, Japan, or Slavonski Brod, Croatia, at this exact moment someone or a group of someones are participating in any number of sports. The questions I pose to you loyal readers are these: Why? Why do they play these games? What is it that draws them to sports? The love? Excitement? Thrill? Fun? Joy of victory? Competition? Well, I can't tell you why they play, but for me it is all about winning.

Many people have told me this is the wrong attitude toward sports. These same people have told me numerous times that sports should be fun, educational and even a way to meet new friends. I don't think so. You want fun? Go to an amusement park. You want education? Read a book. You want a new friend? Get a pen pal. The whole point of sports is to win.

I first realized I was a "spoiled sport" when I was 10 years old. I went home crying my eyes out after I lost a game at PRACTICE. My family and teammates thought I was sick. But then, like now, I hated to lose. The only thing I ever learned from losing is that it leaves a bittersweet taste in your mouth. That, and that losing was definitely no fun.

I believe it was either Leo Durocher or Casey Stengel who once said, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." I couldn't agree more. How about what legendary Packers coach Vince Lombardi said, "If winning isn't everything, then why do we bother to keep score?" Once again, full agreement on my part. No one remembers who finished in second place, but everyone remembers who finished on top.

Major League Soccer: Sophomore Jinx or Better Than Everyone Thinks?

By Ante D. Cop

What started on a sunny day in early April in San Jose ended on a gloomy, rainy day in Boston, but nothing could take the sunshine away from Major League Soccer's inaugural season. The MLS crowned their first champion on that soggy day in Foxboro Stadium when the Washington D.C. United defeated the Los Angeles Galaxy 3-2 in extra time on a goal by defender Eddie Pope. A soaked crowd of 45,000 people attended the game, which helped the MLS go over the 1,500,000 mark for attendance. Not too bad for a league many predicted to fail midway through the season.

Now, the true test comes for the MLS. With the novelty of a pro soccer league in the States out of its blood, MLS must prove to all doubters that is for real. I think they will do this with no problem. With an infusion of some young American talent and some well-known names from Europe, South America, Central America and Africa, the MLS is truly a great display of international soccer.

Commissioner Doug Logan expects this to be a great season as well. His goal is to have at least an average of 15,000 fans at every game for every team this year. To help this happen, the MLS has scheduled 93% of its games on weekends instead of like last year when only 55% of its games were played on week-

ends. Another thing Logan and the MLS have done is scheduled "doubleheaders" of soccer, meaning two great soccer games on one day on a number of occasions for this year. A prime example is what happened a while ago in Foxboro. The MLS and the U.S. Soccer Federation agreed to have the U.S.-Mexico World Cup qualifier and the opening home game for the New England Revolution against the Tampa Bay Mutiny on the same day. That was two world class soccer matches in one day for a price of only \$25. In one day, you got to see the U.S. and Mexican national teams along with the genius of Colombian superstar Carlos Valderramma, former Italian national keeper Walter Zenga and a whole lot of good American talent as well. With shows like this, how can the MLS go wrong?

This year's action should be even more exciting than last year's. The D.C. United are favored once again to take it all, but the other teams in the MLS did not lie around and play dead in the off season. Many teams picked up key players to strengthen their sides in hope of challenging the United for the MLS Cup this year. What all American soccer fans are hoping for is the best. I say we are in for a great show. No sophomore jinx here, and that's good news to all soccer fans.