



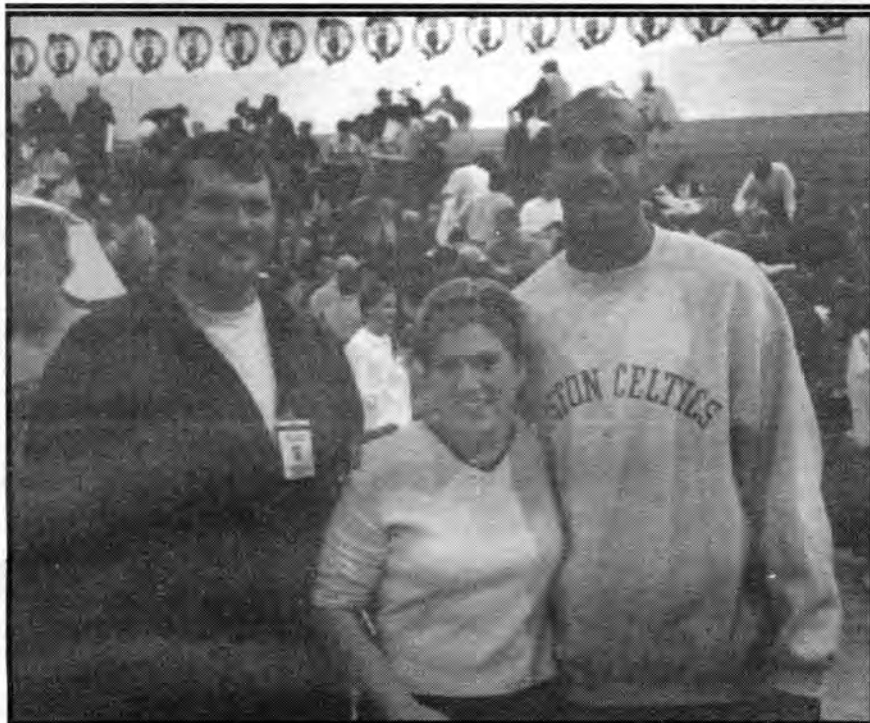
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Boston Celtic's forward Bruce Bowen poses with Observer staff members Andrew Cummings and Andrea Hill. (Photo provided by Andrea Hill)

Boston Celtics visit NHC

By Andrew Cummings and Marc Pawlowski

After the National Basketball Association ended its first ever labor dispute, teams across the nation are now going through stages to get their fans back. In past professional sports strikes, it took awhile for the fans to "rebound" after a labor dispute cancelled part of the season.

The most recent example is when Major League Baseball had to cancel the last month or so of the regular season and all of its postseason. It wasn't until this past season when fans started to take baseball back into their hearts and

that was greatly due to the homerun race and fan loyalty.

Now what is the NBA doing to get its' fans back? Well believe it or not one of the first steps took place right here at New Hampshire College. The Boston Celtics opened up their first of four open practice/scrimmages last Saturday night at the New Hampshire College Field House. Tickets for this event were free to the public and were made available Tuesday January 18, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. A long line quickly developed early in the morning and all tickets available were given away in less than ten minutes.

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Students pay the price for damages

By Katy Faria

The scenario: It is Friday night. Bob and his friends just got back from partying and are hanging out in the dorm. Bob and one of his friends start pushing each other around in the hall and Bob's elbow goes through the wall. Half an hour later his suitemate thinks it would be funny to pull the fire alarm; he does. *The price:* Bob and the rest of his floor will be charged for the cost of repairing the hole in the wall and for the fire department's trip to the school.

Damage reports are a familiar thing to the students at New Hampshire College. Although this year's report of damages proves to be lower than any other year, the charges are still pretty high according to Bob Schiavoni, the director of Residence Life.

The bulk of the charges come from false fire alarms; it costs around \$300.00 for the fire department to make the visit and for the cost of recharging the alarms. During Family Weekend, Washington Hall totalled a charge of about

\$600.00 to \$700.00 on fire alarms alone. Other charges came from damages such as broken screens, holes in walls, and extra cleaning.

The NHC Facilities Department has a set system for determining what damages are reported, how much is charged and who is charged. There are five different types of charges: Individual, when a particular person will be charged for the damage; Common area, when the floor will be charged, if, for example, there is a hole in the lounge's wall; Inaccessible damage, when, for example, an outside light is broken and the person at fault is unknown; Repair/Replacement, when, for example, a replacement of a broken refrigerator in an apartment or townhouse is needed; and Lock changes, when the lock is broken or if a person has lost his/her key.

Most of the damages are being reported on the weekends. They seem to be happening between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. Most of the damages reported during this time are the result of alcohol abuse.

There are many ways that damages are found and reported. Most of the damages are reported by Resident Assistants, Resident Directors, or by a Public Safety Officer. The housekeeping and maintenance workers report cleaning damages. Very few are self-reports but, according to Schiavoni, it does happen.

The RA's and RD's have sought out ways to decrease the

number of damages. In many hallways, the damage report is posted. This gives the residents of the floor an opportunity to see the damages they are being charged for and how much they are being charged. Many feel that if the residents are aware of what they will encounter when the reports come out on the first of the month, they will be more cautious about causing damages.

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From the Editor's Desk:

Welcome back to NHC. It's hard to believe that we have already finished a semester, and we are now starting the second-semester of this academic year.

I hope you all enjoyed your semester break. With the coming of the New Year, I know that many people have the ritual of making a resolution. If yours had anything to do with becoming more involved with your school, then why not join the staff of The Observer. We are always looking for new members in any section; whether it is sports, entertainment, news or anything else, we'd love to have you. Just give us a call at X9669 if you'd like to join, have any questions, or have any suggestions for an article.

One change The Observer has seen so far this year deals with our advisor. Ausra Kubilius is on her sabbatical this semester, so we graciously welcomed Don Sieker as our advisor for the spring semester.

For Valentine's Day, we have planned a special issue of The Observer. It will include reviews on restaurants, so you will know where to take your sweetheart for dinner. And in the first week of February you will have the chance to send your friends and/or loved ones a Valentine message via The Observer for only \$1.

As an athlete at NHC, I know how important fans are. When people cheer you on, it motivates you to try even harder. Our school's hockey team is having a great season; it is the best start they've ever had. There are some dedicated fans who go to many games, but more are needed. We should make it a point to fill up the Tri-Town Arena with NHC students cheering on the best hockey team this school has ever seen. The games are a lot of fun to attend, too. Also, the women's basketball team needs your support. I know it isn't having the kind of season hoped for, but you can't expect them to get better without the motivation and support of their school and classmates.

I hope you all enjoy this issue. Thanks to all the devoted staff members who helped to make this issue a good one, despite the rushing we had to do to get it out on time.

Tara Cowdrey
Co-Editor in Chief

Quote of the issue:

*"Difficulties mastered
are opportunities
won."*

--Churchill

From the Editor's Desk:

Welcome back! I hope everyone is having a great semester so far. I just want to remind you that there are tons of C.A.P.E. events going on this semester and Spectrum Series events, too. Now is the time to get involved; there are dozens of clubs out there. Just a reminder too for any of those interested; Sororities and Fraternities are in the midst of the rush season. And, of course, The Observer is always looking for new people to join the staff. We are looking forward to our Harvard trip again this year and we plan to come out with a special Valentine's issue on the 9th of February.

A question came up during the production of this paper about advertising rates for clubs on campus. Tara, the staff and I have discussed it and have enacted a policy that we will charge half price of the regular rates for clubs and organizations on campus. If anyone has questions or comments they can call X9669; we will be happy to answer all of your questions. We've got lots of stuff in store for this semester so keep reading.

Andrea Hill
Co-Editor in Chief

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Dear Editors:

I have been a student at New Hampshire College since the fall of 1997. I enrolled here as an International Business major because I felt the program's curriculum was excellent. Reading the student handbook I received prior to my first classes only solidified my contentment with the program. It showed course offerings that would help my understanding of the international business landscape, the social and economical environment of foreign countries, the world's political orientation, and, of course, an introduction into some of the languages that may be considered essential in international business and its practices. The NHC Student Course Catalog explains that there are four language courses that the school offers – elementary and intermediate courses in French and Spanish. However, when I approached the individuals necessary to gain entrance into these programs, I was given an answer that surprised me, and made me upset.

I was told that New Hampshire College no longer offers these courses at our campus, or any other NHC campus. The only way that I would be able to take any foreign language courses was if I pre-enrolled into a course at another school that is a member of the same consortium as NHC. I called many schools looking for openings and all I was told was that their students had already filled the classes for these courses. Regretfully, I decided to stop my fight for gaining acceptance into one of these courses at another school. I decided to focus my attention on trying to develop a rea-

sonable argument as to why students here should not be given the chance to develop a knowledge and understanding of foreign languages and cultures. My arguments are not an in-depth analysis of the situation as a whole. They are comprised of some simple points that the school administration must consider when it avoids the implementation of foreign language classes here at NHC.

My first argument, and the most simple to point out, is the fact that there is no way a student who wants to enter a career in the global marketplace can do so without fluency in a foreign language. Without a background in a language, you are forcing the other party in business transactions to know English. Sometimes, companies may see this lack of knowledge in their language, and even their culture, as a direct insult to them. And some companies will not hire students without foreign language background. Some schools have even built their International Business programs around the principle that each student must leave their institutions with at the least an understanding of one language other than English. Schools nationwide are beginning to realize the importance of foreign languages in the global marketplace and have begun to accept this by adding languages to the list of competencies required in their programs. Unfortunately, New Hampshire College is behind these schools. It has not realized the full importance that languages have for someone who wants to study international business.

My second argument is the benefit of a foreign language curriculum to all of the students at New Hampshire College. Whether you're an international business major or not, foreign languages may help you obtain a job. It will not be just inter-

national business students who will be searching for jobs in the global marketplace. Students studying fields such as finance, accounting, computer information systems, and marketing may also need to draw on foreign languages to help with their job acquisitions. Unfortunately, because New Hampshire College does not allow students to study foreign languages, all of the students will only be able to acquire domestic jobs, unless they are blessed with another language as their first language. Then, and only then, will NHC alumni be able to make it on the global scene. So, would the implementation of a foreign language curriculum hurt the school? I don't think so.

New Hampshire College would reap the benefits of opening a foreign language program. Some students in the Manchester area, and in New England, may add New Hampshire College to their short lists because it offers an educational basis that will help them when they graduate and aspire to be involved in the global marketplace. Another benefit would be the ability of international students to act as tutors for students in these programs. This would be a great way to introduce cultural diversity and acceptance, and to build lasting relationships between international students and their American counterparts. Admissions could use this to draw both domestic and international students to New Hampshire College.

Our diverse international student body could even aid students in the understanding of their languages during informal sessions.

Perhaps, a club that offers students language assistance could also help the problem. Clubs, such as a French club, could allow students to learn the language and cultural identity of their fellow students. New Hampshire College boasts of having an extremely diverse student body, but there is a problem in which these cultures and backgrounds relate and interact with one another. Programs such as a club would enable this gap to close somewhat.

The final thing I would like everyone to consider when reading this article and all of my arguments is this: our own graduate school has the knowledge of a foreign language as one of its prerequisites. Does this mean that New Hampshire College's undergraduate students will not be able to enter the program? If so, that would be a "crying shame" for NHC. It may even affect the enrollment into the graduate school's MS in International Business Program, as well as the newly-designed Doctoral Program in International Business. So, I am pleading with Dr. Gustafson and anyone else who has authority in this area to view my arguments and my points. This way, I, as well as the many students I have talked to and have expressed interest in the idea of a foreign language program, will all gain an understanding into the reasons for not currently having such a program at New Hampshire College. I also implore any other students who share the same opinions I do to write the Observer and express their arguments in the paper's "Letters to the Editor."

Keith McLaren

The Observer welcomes correspondence from readers. Please include your name, address and daytime telephone number. Letters are subject to condensation. If sending your letter on a disk, please be sure to use Microsoft Word to ensure compatibility and faster processing. Letters must be signed.

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Special Valentine Issue to be printed on February 9th.

You can include a message to your friends and loved ones. For only \$1 you can put a message in The Observer. During the first week of February, you can write messages at our table which will be set up at the cafe.

Grade Confusion?

By Andrea Hill

Was anyone confused about the distribution of grades this past semester? Well don't blame your teachers or S.A.S quite yet.

I spoke with Richard Oullette, NHC's Registrar, who explained to me that it wasn't really anyone's fault the grades didn't make home on time. He said that this year the semester was a full working week shorter than the semester before. Oullette explained the time frame and how teachers have 48 hours after the last final ends to pass their grades in to S.A.S, which then enters them into the system. However, if teachers passed the grades in 48 hours after the last final they would have been passing them in on Christmas Eve. Therefore the grades were in S.A.S on the 28th of December. The grades were then processed by S.A.S and sent out to a company that prints up

the grade forms and then mails them to the students. The grades didn't leave the company until January 6.

Oullette told me that they, the Registrar's office and S.A.S., had no idea that students didn't get their grades until Monday when everyone came back. Grades were made available on Tuesday morning at the switchboard next to S.A.S. Oullette said next year at this time students should have the option of looking their grades up on the Internet thanks to the new computer system that the college has switched to, Datatel. In the past, students had the option of looking on S.A.M. for their grades, but this year the new system did not allow it. Oullette says there is no way of stopping this from happening again. It was just a time factor, but hopefully students will have more options to obtain their grades in the future.

New plans for campus buildings

By Lauren Kobs

Many of you may be wondering when the renovations to the gym and the new dorm are going to begin. There have been a lot of stories going around. I decided to go to President Gustafson to find out what was really going on. He was very enthusiastic when talking about the renovations planned for the campus. The long-term goal is to have a central campus with the road and parking going around it. The architects are working with college officials and the financing bank while drawing up the plans. Construction on the gym and renovations in the cafeteria are also part of this plan. These should begin around the same time. If all goes as planned construc-

tion of the new dorm will start in the spring of 1999 and the building will be finished sometime in the fall, hopefully by the start of school. These plans are only tentative and depend on many different factors.

The new dorm will resemble Washington Hall in design. This dorm will be slightly smaller than Washington and will house two hundred students compared to two hundred and fifty. While drawing up the plans for this new building designers are looking at Washington Hall and considering what worked well and what has not been so beneficial. Hopefully this new dorm will be accepted by students and be a place they can call home while at NHC.

On behalf of the campus community, The Observer staff would like to thank the maintenance department for its assistance in getting our cars out of the snowy mess that was caused by the first big storm of the year.



North Campus haunted: fact or fiction?

By Bindu Rai

This is not out of the X-Files, but it bears a close resemblance. The North Campus, which is now up for sale by NHC, has numerous tales to tell. Last year marked the 20th anniversary of the closing of Mount Saint Mary School (MSM), its previous identity.

Rumor mills have been churning since its closure. Various students (who wish to remain anonymous) have heard stories about the Sisters of Mercy. This was the order that owned and operated the school. Students believed that they sold the school because of the haunting that occurred there. The fact of the matter is that MSM was a school strictly for girls, and did not become co-educational thereby losing touch with the times. Thus it ran out of business and had to sell out. After NHC bought it in 1981, the rumors still flew, getting more elaborate with time.

Students claimed to have heard strange sounds and seen unidentified lights. One of the PSOs, who worked there, reluctantly confirmed the story. He explained that the flashing red lights would appear and fade away after a few minutes. After a few nights he felt another presence in the room, but he could not see anyone there. Soon thereafter, a strange incident occurred. A 911 call was made out through one of the pay phones in the school. The PSO was flabbergasted because the pay phone was right next to him and he had not seen anyone make a call. He had also locked himself alone in the room, so no one could have come in. He wanted to be reassigned but the pay was good, so he stayed. He soon changed his mind, though; the next night he was scared out of his wits because the door to the office flew open, and shut on its

own a few times. He hightailed it out of New Hampshire Hall, and did not return. Rumor has it that the doors would always remain unlocked in the morning, even after they were securely locked at night.

NHC bought North Campus in 1981 with its beautifully structured buildings and over 400 acres of land. It had served as a peaceful setting, but it was recently put up for sale because of the cost of maintaining two sites was enormous.

MSM opened in 1908 as a Boarding school. Sisters of Mercy were originally from Ireland, who settled in Hooksett all the way from Pittsburgh. The school was at one time self sustained as it had its own livestock and grew its own vegetables.

After a few nights he felt another presence there, but he did not see anyone else in the room.

People still talk fondly about the school; it was considered an important institution in the Merrimack Valley. Records show that MSM was originally known as the Towle estate. Records were not available about the estate or the family, who owned it. Did they just disappear or go buried under over the years, like the human remains that are rumored to have disappeared in the dungeons below the building? It is now for the people to give or not to give credibility to the rumors; but the question still remains, "Is the haunting fact or fiction?"

Campus Security Log

Compiled by Andrea Hill and Tara Cowdrey



The reports printed here have been selected directly from the Department of Public Safety's records. All individuals and locations have been made anonymous for obvious reasons.

1/19/99

On the above date a small red car slowed at the gate house and the driver and passenger threw snowballs at the truck. They would not stop for the PSO and said "Public Safety sucks" and a few other choice words. The truck had no damage done to it. Later on, a blue car stopped on North River Rd. by the main entrance. Three or four people got out of the car and threw eggs at the gatehouse. All but one missed. The car and its occupants took off headed south with no lights on.

1/23/99

On the above date Public Safety responded to a fire alarm. Upon arrival it was found that the bathroom was flooded and that it leaked through the ceiling into the living room area setting off heat detectors. Manchester Fire Department and Hooksett Fire Department were called but left after checking everything out. The fire alarm upstairs was also pulled by someone unknown. The water was shut off.

1/24/99

On the above date a PSO responded to a townhouse where the bathroom ceiling was falling down.

1/24/99

Housekeeping called and informed Public Safety that one of the dorms had been trashed. The PSO responded and found toilet paper and broken beer bottles all over the hallway.

1/24/99

On the above date a PSO was in the gatehouse with a line of cars going by. The PSO had the gate open when it came down on a pick-up truck. It hit the center of the truck's hood and left some yellow marks on it. The gate was also broken off. The owner of the truck stated he was going to try and buff out the marks. The gates need to be looked at because this is at least the third time it has happened.

UPDATE: There is a new daily log located at the Public Safety office that may be viewed by the campus community.

January 26, 1999 marked a year since the sexual incident that happened here on campus. A suspect has not been caught, but the investigation is still open. Public Safety would like to remind students that there is an escort service and we encourage students to use it whenever necessary.

Don't take the Cafe for granted

By Mark Williams

We can sometimes be bored by routine. The routine of meals can be uninviting at times, but don't let yourself be lulled to sleep by the New Hampshire College Food Service. Besides the campus cafeteria, snack bar, deli, and pizza shop, a recently added smoothie bar is good for a between-class quenching.

This article began as a query on the pricing in the snack bar, a topic I'm sure many of us ponder. The average mark-up cost of the products used in food preparation on campus is thirty-eight percent.

The profit from these food-stuffs, though, provides choices of chow that most area colleges of comparable size don't have. We are also given more freedom in how we spend. Students of some colleges have designated breakfast, lunch, and dinner money that can only be spent at certain times of day. At NHC you can get a made-to-order omelet, stir fry, or seafood dish any time during the cafeteria's operating hours.

In addition to the many edible options, Louis Greenstein's food

service staff supports a wonderful program in conjunction with the Moore Center of Manchester. The program has employed people with special needs for the last eight years to help keep our mealtimes running smoothly. The job they do is important in maintaining a clean and enjoyable eating environment.

In keeping with the idea that environment is a factor in the dining experience, Greenstein is in the process of negotiating the refurbishment of the cafeteria dining room. He says tell me what the exact changes would be, only that the ball was rolling and that he expects significant improvements to be made over the summer of 1999.

To keep up with things in NHC Food Service, including a cyclical four-week menu, visit its site on the college's web page at www.NHC.edu.

Finally, although we are all aware of the reputation of cafeterias, don't underestimate the variety of our campus cafe or the determination of its staff to provide a pleasant repast for all. Greenstein summed it up perfectly with his motto, "we all have food in common."

Steps to Financial Aid

1999-2000

Complete the FAFSA

All financial aid applicants must complete a 1999-2000 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The New Hampshire College code number is 002580. The application can be completed electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Paper applications can be obtained in the Financial Aid Office, public libraries and high schools. If you were mailed a Renewal FAFSA, you may use that form, but you may also use a new blank form.

Priority Dates

For priority consideration of available financial aid, file your application materials before:

New Freshman and Returning Undergraduates	March 15, 1999
Transfer Undergraduates, Continuing Education and Graduate students	June 15, 1999

Additional Applications

All Continuing Education and Graduate students MUST complete a New Hampshire College Supplemental Financial Aid Form, and return it to the NHC Financial Aid Office. These forms are available through the Financial Aid Office and at all of the centers.

Transfer students who have attended another institution in the last 2 months, must submit a Financial Aid Transcript (FAT) from the prior institution. A FAT is required whether or not financial aid was received at the prior school. You should request that the FAT be sent directly to the New Hampshire College Financial Aid Office from the other school's financial aid office.

Some applicants will be selected by the Federal government for a process called Verification. If you are selected, you will be asked to submit copies of 1998 Federal tax returns along with other appropriate documentation as requested. Please have these documents available, and respond promptly to any requests for information.

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As the Culture Turns

By Kimika Embree

Marriage to some is a divine experience, for others it is a hellish nightmare, or so the saying goes. When certain cultures are perceived to be more humanly decent regarding their rituals and customs of marriage, one may forget that other cultures have the same privileges in the manner in which marriage is handled. Although there are various ways in which couples may get married, I shall only discuss a few customs in order to give a general idea.

Western societies have a concept known as the Cinderella style of marriage which consists of the following:

- 1) Meeting and dating the individual of your choice;
- 2) Developing a relationship and seeking compatibility;
- 3) Reaching a level of love and planning a potential future; and
- 4) Ending with a proposal and then a wedding.

However, in some cultures, such as those in Southeast Asia, marriage is arranged and usually entails the following:

- 1) The parents of each party meet and discuss the marriage;
- 2) If the parents of both parties are happy with the union, then the marriage is set up;
- 3) The bride and groom usually do not see each other until the day of the ceremony; and
- 4) The ceremony takes place and then there are two living options. Either the wife lives with the groom's family, or the new couple live together in their own home.

In some subcultures, there have been times when the man will marry and then leave the wife after the marriage has been consummated. Other cultures have adopted the notion that polygamy is acceptable and most followers take around three wives, though the number may vary.

Whether marriage is by individual choice or by arrangement, it depends upon the couple as to whether it is a happy or hellish union. It would be unfair to declare some marriage practices as wrong or bad, just as it would be awful to declare some marriage rituals as the best and the only way to marry. As it is, marriage is a delicate topic and should be treated with the most respect. Marriage should be a bond that will not be broken, whether it is arranged or not.

Feel this land called Venezuela

By Ada Silva

Do you want to run away from the cool weather? Well, I have a great option for you! A magic country where warm weather and shining sun are available three hundred and sixty-five days of the year. This beautiful land of 916,445 square kilometers is called Venezuela. It is located at the northern part of South America and offers visitors great geographic contrasts: wonderful and exotic country beaches along the coast, wide rivers, virgin forests, and mountains with high frigid peaks coated in perpetual snow.

Venezuelan coasts are the best places to enjoy the excellent beaches of the country. Fishing, entertainment and tourism can be practiced on these beautiful beaches. However, if you want more fun than going to the beach, you can go to Margarita Island, called the most beautiful island in the Caribbean. There you can enjoy all of the yummiest foods from Venezuela such as "arepas" (it is made with corn dough, put in the oven to cook, the it is stuffed with cheese, ham or whatever you want), "empanadas" (it is made with the same dough that arepas is made with and it can be stuffed with cheese, ham, beans, etc.). All of these foods are made at the beaches or restaurants by

warm and hospitable people called "Margaritenos." You can also enjoy international food like Italian, French, Greek, and the most delicious and fresh seafood such as tuna, salmon, shrimp and lobster. Nightclubs and gambling places are the life of Margarita so if you want to dance and have a lot of fun with your friends, these are the places to visit. Besides, the legal drinking age is eighteen years old! And do not forget to drink the thick, cool "chicha," a milkshake refreshment sold on the streets.

But if you want cooler weather and lots of good times, you must go to "Los Andes" in southern Venezuela. However, you are not going to find cool weather in the capital of this state. You have to travel until you reach the beautiful mountains and the little towns located at the highest part of the state. Flower plantations, pure air and kind people called "Andinos" are the principal characteristics of "Los Andes." At nighttime, you can enjoy the restaurants around these towns, or in the capital. If you want to dance and drink, dance clubs and bars are the best option. By the way, do not forget to drink a delicious hot chocolate and eat their appetizing and thin "arepas," a little bit different from the other types of "arepas" made in Venezuela.

Finally, don't miss Caracas, capital of Venezuela. It is a place where everything can happen. The capital is a big city and it is marked by the presence of millions of people. The forest and the mountains are the principal views one gets from the homes of Caracas. You can find historic places, too, such as Simon Bolivar's house, liberator of Venezuela, located in Caracas. In addition, the best nightclubs are in Caracas, restaurants of any type from McDonalds to the most expensive restaurants in Caracas, such as Sushi Bars and French style restaurants. Also, the best places to eat pasta and American food are found in Caracas.

By the way, do not forget that the garments to wear in Venezuela are quite different from what people are used to in the United States. At daytime, jeans and a nice shirt with long sleeves is the best option for women. However, at nighttime if you are going to a restaurant or nightclub, sexy attire such as a black skirt or pants with a blazer will be the best choice because some of these places have dress codes. Guys as well as girls must wear blazers and dress pants.

This is Venezuela, a magic country full of majestic and gorgeous places to visit and kind persons to serve you. My recommendation to you is to visit Venezuela at Christmas or summer because these are the most beautiful times of the year. But, of course, you might be wondering how much this beautiful dream would cost. Well, our current money is the "Bolivar," and actually, it is 600 Bolivares to the U.S. dollar. The currency difference makes Venezuela cheaper for American people. So, if you are interested, you can ask a travel agency for the best prices. In addition, you might like a travel package including foods and drinks for certain times of the year like Thanksgiving, Christmas or Spring Break when it is cool here but warm and cozy in Venezuela. However, if you like to travel without any concern about time, lodging and food, a student ticket to Venezuela is the best option. This is around \$500, half of the normal price, and personally I buy student tickets anytime that I go to my country. The rate for the hotels depends on location and conditions. A five-star hotel might be \$400 to \$500 per night, a four-star hotel might be between \$200 and \$300, three-star might be between \$150 and \$200 or much less. Of course, you can find cheaper rates by asking a travel agency or going with a package that includes everything. However, if you have any questions about Venezuela, do not hesitate to contact me at silvaada@hotmail.com.



CAPE UPDATE:

Hi everyone at NHC! I hope that everyone had a great holiday! The board and I have been working extremely hard to make sure that we have a wonderful semester. Here are some of our coming attractions:

In January:

Wednesday the 27th, Comedian Tiny Glover at 9pm in the Pub;
Sunday the 31st there will be a Super Bowl Party in the Pub

In February:

Wednesday the 3rd, Bingo at 7pm in the Pub;
Saturday the 6th, Dave Binder at 8pm in the Pub;
From Thursday the 11th to Saturday the 13th, Winter Weekend;
look around for posters!
Wednesday the 17th, Bingo at 7pm in the Pub;
Friday the 19th, TGIF at 4:30 pm in the Pub; and on
Saturday the 20th, a band named Bob's Day Off at 9pm in the Pub.

We have meetings every Monday at 6:30pm in the Student Center if you would like to join us. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see new faces.

To members of the committee: I would like to thank each one for a great first semester; you all did a wonderful job! See everyone on Monday!

Thank You!

Kate Giannetti
CAPE President

Princeton president wants to end 'Nude Olympics'

College Press Exchange

The "Nude Olympics," a long-standing tradition at Princeton University in which students run naked through the semester's first snowfall, should stop before someone gets killed, the university's president says.

In a letter printed in the student newspaper, President Harold Shapiro said the university is considering banning the event after six students were hospitalized with severe alcohol poisoning and four more treated at the university's student health center following the latest raucous running on Jan. 8.

"This past weekend's experience provided a grave reminder of the serious risks that the Nude Olympics pose to our students' health and safety, largely because of the excessive and indiscriminate use of alcohol," Shapiro wrote. "Moreover, several of the college masters

report behavior that was truly disgraceful and unacceptable."

The decades-old tradition is one of Princeton's most notorious. At midnight, hundreds of students gather to watch the sophomore class run naked through a central, ice-covered courtyard while music blares from adjacent dormitory windows.

About 350 students bared all, and hundreds more clamored to watch on Friday, but what started out as fun and exhilarating quickly got out of hand, many students said.

Anna Levy-Warren, 19, said she ran with her friends wearing nothing but shoes, socks, a hat, body glitter and a tiger, the school's mascot, painted on her back. While making her way through the courtyard, she said she saw a man peeing on a woman, another man masturbating, a couple having sex, men groping women, drunk students drifting in and out of consciousness and several people slipping on the ice and snow.

"I was in a nudist mosh-pit

grabbing desperately at arms and shoulders to keep myself from being trampled," she wrote to the student newspaper, the Daily Princetonian.

Some students said the run was emotionally painful as well.

"Was it class unity when a guy in one of my classes was hurt after a spectator yelled out obnoxious comments about his physique, and a woman cried and pledged to lose weight because two of her male friends told her that she had put on too many pounds during freshman year?" Jen Jennings, president of the class of 2000 wrote to the newspaper. "A combination of mob culture and a couple of inches of snow apparently give us the license to normalize behavior that we would otherwise not tolerate: sexual harassment, rape and threats to our lives with blood-alcohol levels over .25, just so we can loosen up enough to take off our clothes."

University officials at the scene said they, too, were shocked and dismayed by the display.

"I can't go back to the Nude Olympics after this," College Master David Carrasco told the Princetonian. "I felt a sense of

shame. I think many people there felt ashamed."

Nevertheless, many students want the event to continue, claiming that it is an important opportunity to bond and soak up the college experience with classmates.

"I look like an idiot trying to defend people's right to run around naked, but if students see this as a tradition, the administration needs to do anything possible to make it safe," said student body president-elect Spencer Merriweather.

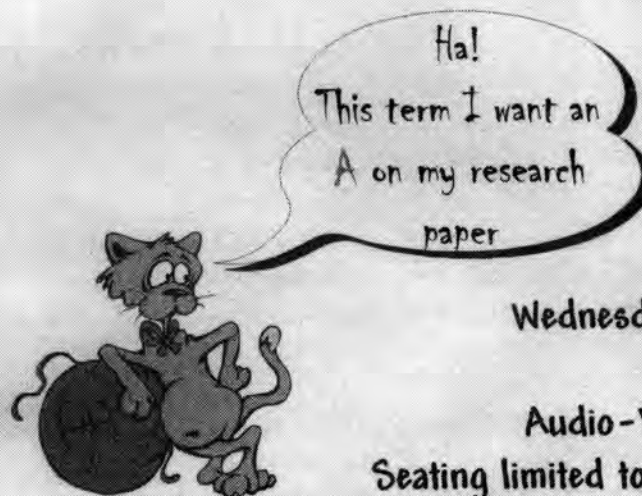
University officials have tried to regulate the event in the past few years by working with student organizers and barring photographers and television cameras. The university also added extra security lighting and emergency personnel to make the run safer for students.

As far as Shapiro is concerned, the efforts have failed. He has asked the university's dean of students and a group of faculty, students and staff to study the event over the next several weeks and come up "options for preventing this tragedy before it happens." Shapiro said he wants to resolve the issue with university trustees early in the spring semester.

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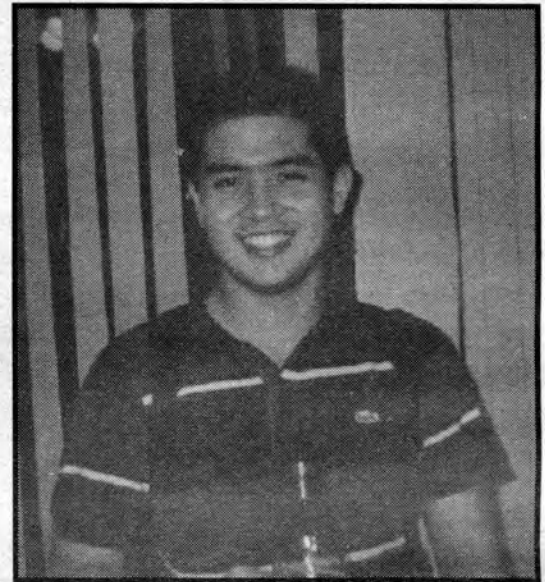
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By David Snuffer

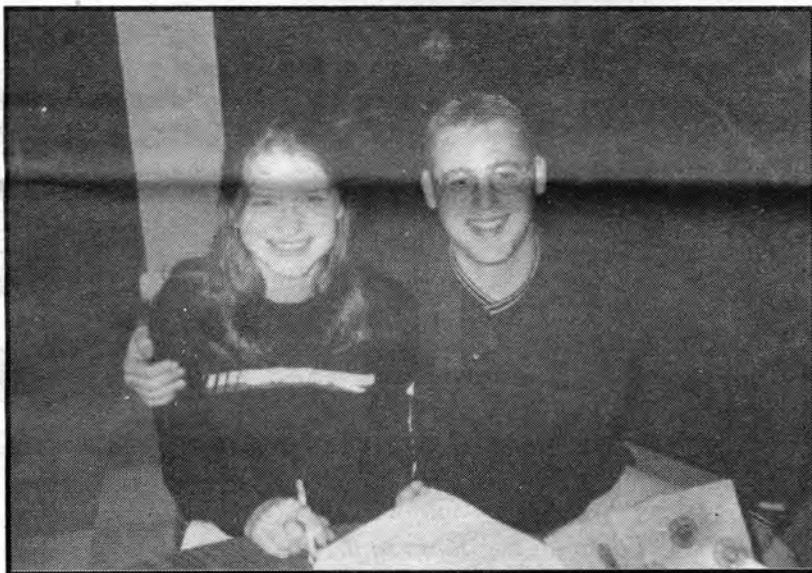
What would you change with the campus housing?



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Sophomore Business Administration Major
"Better parking."



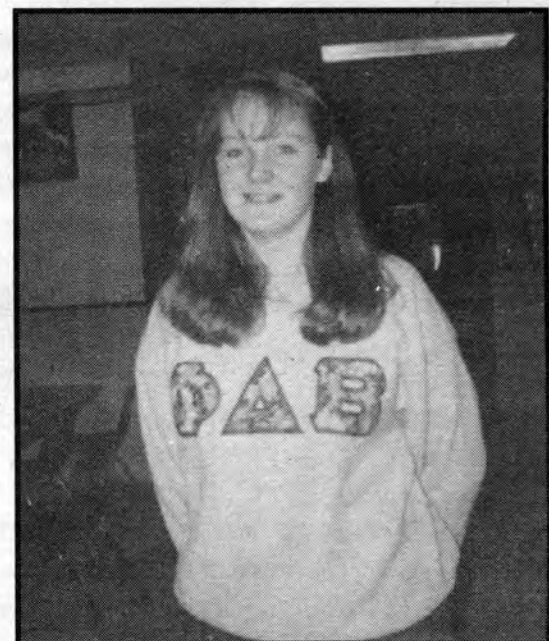
Vicente Pajoro
Sophomore Retailing Major
"There should be televisions and telephones in each dorm provided by the school!"



Lisa Crawshaw
Freshman International
Business Major

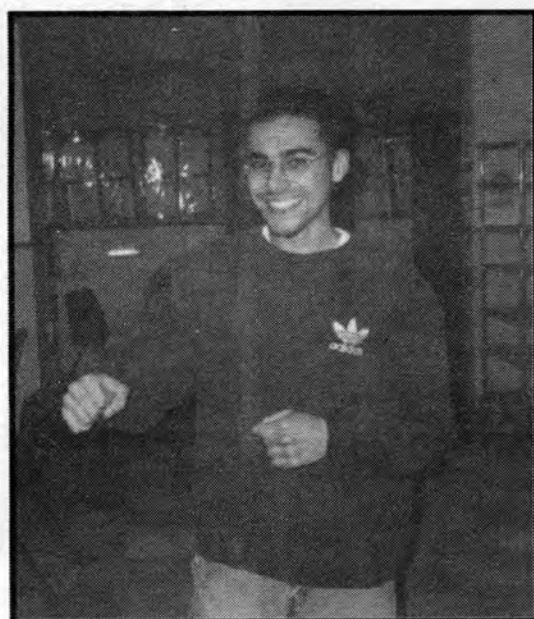
Jason Smith
Sophomore Business Administration Major

"Allowing microwaves in dorms."



Kim Mygan
Sophomore Business Administration
Major

"Fraternity and sorority houses!!"



Tino Figueroa
"I should not be worried about my toilet leaking everytime I flush. Maintenance, where are you??!"



Brian Davey
Sophomore Hotel Management Major
*"I think they should take down the lower suites
and build a lacrosse lockerroom."*



Mark Huelsmann
Sophomore Marketing Major
"No damage bills."



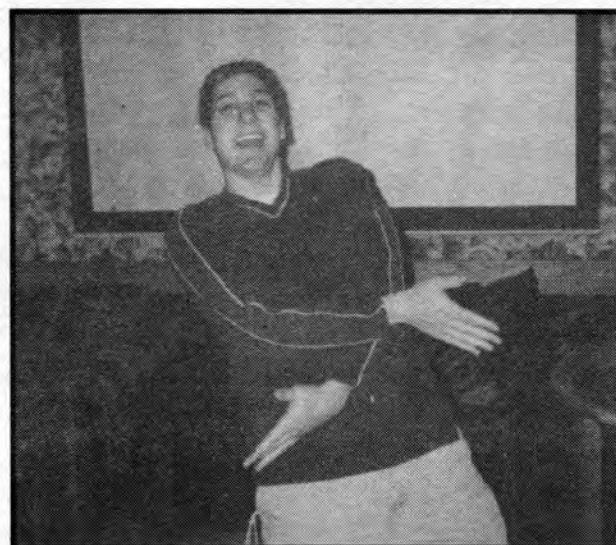
Tenille Irish
Senior Accounting Major
*"Make the apartments and townhouses
co-ed."*



Jayna Marie Todisco
Sophomore Culinary Arts Major
*"Locks on the doors to the rooms in the apartments and
townhouses."*



Michael Kaskiewicz
Sophomore Sport Management Major
*"I wish that we all had singles so that our
roommates wouldn't snap and to completely
anal on all the other roommates in the apart-
ment."*



Thomas Presti
Sophomore Sport Management Major
*"I am very happy with my apartment but I
wish we had about five more feet for all of our
extra stuff."*

Entertainment

MOVIE REVIEWS:

The Faculty

By Michael Lascelles

The film is fun and fast-paced with enough plot twists to keep viewers involved throughout the one hour and 50 minutes of running time. The basic plot line revolves around the film's five main characters: Zeke, Casey, Stokely, Delilah, Marybeth and Stan. These characters are all students in the film's fictional high school, Herrington High. The students are all from different cliques in the school but need to band together when Casey discovers aliens have taken over the school. Casey is the intellectual kid who gets picked on, Zeke is on his fifth year and the school's drug dealer, Delilah and Stan are the head cheerleader and star quarterback of the football team, and Stokely is a Goth-style loner.

The film is almost two hours long but you don't realize the time as the characters are introduced, the plot develops, the plot unravels and

is resolved in a unique way. What I liked about the film was its non-traditional spin on the alien movie.

The students must band together when Casey finds out their school has been taken over by aliens.

It pulled from other films, like *The Breakfast Club* for combining its main characters, but put them together in a new way. The soundtrack to the film is also excellent. It features, Oasis, Cheryl Crow, Creed, Soul Asylum, The Offspring, and Shawn Mullins. So if you feel like a part horror, part comedy, *The Faculty* is a definite must see.

Patch Adams

By Melissa Cowdrey

Robin Williams stars in this dramatic comedy about a doctor who wants to heal people with laughter. The movie is based on a true story; Patch Adams liked to visit the patients in the hospital, especially the children. He would wear bed-pans on his feet, dress up like a clown, and perform puppet shows. The children loved him, but the Dean of his college didn't agree with his visits them. Adam's grades were very good, but he almost got dismissed from the school for disobeying the Dean's orders.

Patch Adams decided to

have his own practice to help patients while he was still attending school. He had help from two close friends and classmates, one of whom he had a crush on. The staff was too small and supplies too few to help everyone that came to them.

Because of all the things that Adams did against the Dean's instructions, he was brought in front of the school board to decide whether or not he had the right to graduate. What happens then will surprise you. This is a very moving film with a great moral, so I highly recommend you see it.

College students invited to enter Twelfth Annual Christopher Video Contest

Press Release

Attention all college students! The Christophers have announced their Twelfth Annual Video Contest for college students. The contest includes cash awards of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 for the top three entries. Winners will also have their work featured on the syndicated television program *Christopher Closeup*. The program reaches millions of people throughout the United States as well as 166 foreign countries via the Armed Forces Network.

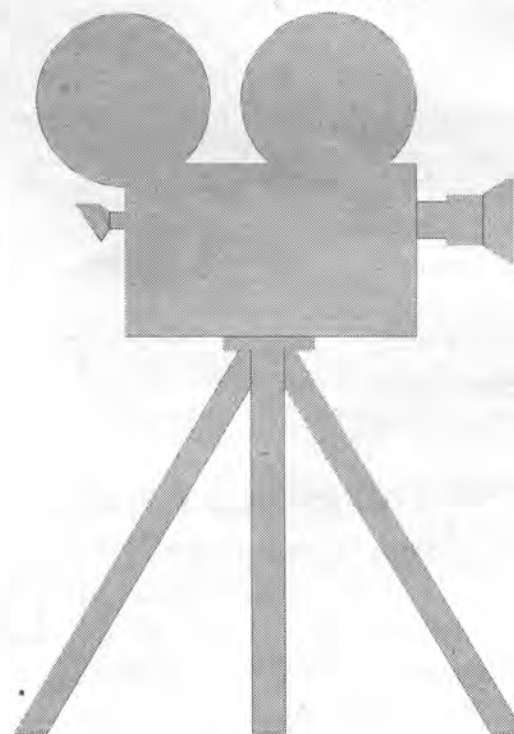
To enter, students must interpret the theme "One Person Can Make a Difference." Past winners have used a variety of styles and genres that include drama, comedy, documentary, news format, music video and animation.

Father Thomas McSweeney, Director of The Christophers, announced this year's competition saying, "From my many years as a college professor, I know that college is a time of idealism as well as creative vision. This competition taps into that spirit while affording us a glimpse of tomorrow's talent."

Entries may be created using film or video, but must be submitted on ¾ inch or VHS tape only, and must be five minutes or less in length. The contest is open to all currently enrolled college students, on both the undergraduate and graduate level. Students may enter more than once, but an official entry form must accompany each video. The deadline for entries is June 18, 1999.

Official entry forms are available from campus Media or Communications Departments or by writing to: College Video Contest, The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017, or by calling 212-759-4050. They are also available on The Christophers' Web site at: <http://www.christophers.org>.

The Christophers, a non-profit organization founded in 1945 and based on the Judeo-Christian concept of service to God and humanity, uses print and electronic media to encourage all individuals to raise the standards of public life. The Christopher motto is: "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

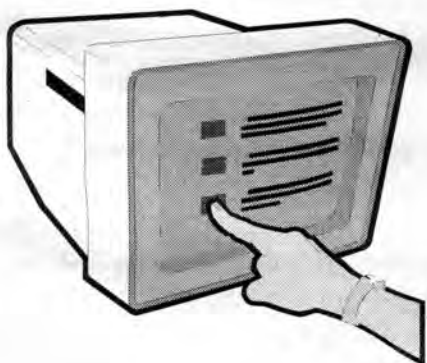


Computer problems for 2000

By Rich Winefield

In the year 2000 the world will come to an end; well, not exactly. The new messiah will arrive, possibly. All the computers that have not been made y2k (year 2000) compliant will cease to function. Millions will be left without electricity and phone service; billions of dollars will be lost due to downed equipment, very likely.

The y2k bug has been around since the sixties. When computers were first developed, one megabyte of storage space cost over \$1000; that same megabyte costs less than a dollar today. Programmers were very space conscious in that era discovering a way to conserve space by referring to the date as a two-digit integer in all program code. The idea was that these programs would not be around thirty years later and would not pose the problem that they do. Recently, it has been the lead story for many news telecasts warning of all the headaches and possible dangers that will be associated with this problem. FAA computers, banks, insurance companies and even our own government is coping with this crisis.



The problem for many businesses and organizations was realized too late. We are less than one year away from 2000 and many are scrambling to solve their computing dilemmas. Which leads us to ask, "what has NHC been doing about the problem?"

According to Sheila Roy, director of SAS, NHC first acknowledged the problem in the mid-eighties. The old administrative software system had been in place since 1984 and was not y2k compliant. The school began its search several years ago to find a new software package that would take it into the new millennium.

After a lengthy search the school chose Datatel to replace its archaic administrative package. Ac-

cording to Daryl Dreffe's y2k played a big part in the new system but was not the only reason for the change. The old system had become too cumbersome and was not user friendly. The new package gives users the ability to create customized reports and access to a full array of data that the previous system could take weeks or months to get a hold of.

Many of the upperclassmen remember S.A.M, which allowed us to check our transcripts, schedules and other information from several remote terminals. The new Datatel system will soon allow us to perform many of the same features S.A.M did over the Internet from any PC. School officials hope to have this feature operational next year.

The key to Datatel's y2k compliance is that it does not rely on dates. To Datatel January 1st 2000 is read as a numeric number; the system would read the date as 4000 or another integer. Older computers will read this as January 1st 1900 and cease to function.

The school's food service has also purchased a new Validine system to comply with y2k. The new system was purchased a year in advance as to, "avoid the proverbial you know what from hitting the ceiling" said Louis Greenstein director of auxiliary service. By ordering the system early they have been able to work all the glitches out of the system. While other Validine clients are calling for tech support January 1st 2000, NHC's Validine system will be working properly if all goes as planned.

The Validine system is not fully compliant for y2k; however, Greenstein assures us that the two software updates needed will be installed within two months. The new Validine system will cost NHC approximately \$24,000 over the next five years. This may seem to be a large sum of money until you consider the previous Validine program cost \$25,000 a year and didn't include the state of the art ID system we now use.



With the bulk of NHC up to date in their y2k compliance, a committee has been formed to deal with some of the other hassles that are associated with y2k. The committee is dealing with issues like the school's fax machines, which are also susceptible to the y2k bug. Fax machines that are not compliant will be replaced with newer equipment. Because the school receives federal funding they are required to be y2k

compliant as well as the vendors they do business with. According to Greenstein food service has already received their letters guaranteeing y2k compliance.

If all goes according to the plan laid out by the school and the y2k committee, January 1st 2000 should come and go with little or no hassle. If all does not go according to plan they will have two weeks before we get back.

Greek life

By David Snuffer

What was your first perception of fraternities? At first I perceived fraternities as I saw them in the movies like *Animal House* and *Revenge of the Nerds*. In those movies the fraternities had wild parties with many girls and there was a lot of drinking. I have learned there is more to Greek life than just the parting. At first I came to college as a person that would never even think about joining a fraternity. I got to know the people in the fraternity and they were great guys. Then I had a chance to learn about what each fraternity had to offer. I was so impressed with what they had to offer that I knew I was going to join a fraternity. I probably wouldn't be in a fraternity if I hadn't given them a chance.

People need to understand that fraternities are more than just a party, they are a business. Fraternities have an organized structure and all members have responsibilities they must attend too. For example, my responsibility last year as the Chaplain/Historian was to schedule the volunteer work that we did. Now my role as the fraternity President has me leading the brothers and the fraternity in the right directions. The responsibility the fraternity gives people is a starting block for their future.

Everyone has heard negative stories about fraternities and sororities. People shouldn't believe whatever is told, but should find out for themselves the other side of the story. For anyone out there who really doesn't know much about the fraternities or sororities he/she should find out about all the positive programs they are involved with. For the people who don't like the Greeks, they should find out all the facts before making judgements. I'm urging everyone to come find out what the fraternities and sororities have to offer and rush is the perfect time. Everyone should attend rush to gain some understanding about the Greeks. This is your golden opportunity to find out more about fraternity and sororities. Just remember, "You won't know if you don't go."

The spring rush schedule:

- Monday February 8, 7:00p.m., Phi Delta Theta & Phi Delta Beta Rush Night, in the Function Room
- Tuesday February 9, 7:00p.m., Kappa Delta Phi & Kappa Chi Rush Night, in the Function Room
- Wednesday February 10, 7:00p.m., Zeta Beta Tau & Phi Omega Psi Rush Night, in the Function Room
- Thursday February 11, 7:00p.m., Kappa Sigma & Kappa Lambda Rush Night, in the Function Room

Politics Today

By Rich Winefield

The Republican GOP has dropped a political bomb on Washington. When the dust settles and the heat subsides, we will have confirmed what we have known since the cold war; the one who drops the bomb will also perish in the nuclear winter that follows.

With several unnoticeable exceptions, the vote by the House of Representatives to impeach President Clinton ran down party lines, with only four republicans crossing the line of insanity to reality. House republicans like Henry Hyde are coming out and saying that they take no pleasure in these proceedings. Yet, when delivering the articles of impeachment to the Senate, he had a smile wider than the Grand Canyon. He beamed for the cameras as if he had brokered peace between Israel and the Palestinians or just learned he had a 72% approval rating. Sorry Henry, even an impeachment can't take away from Clinton's accomplishments during his two terms as a publicly elected president.

If the president is found guilty on the articles of impeachment and is removed from office the political fallout could be felt by the GOP for years to come. If Clinton is ousted it will be against the will of 72% of our nation. That figure jumped from 68% the day the articles of impeachment are ratified. The 4% increase is the public's way of saying, "we don't want this president removed from office." The republicans are praying that the public has a short memory and will forget that their representatives went against their wishes on such a monumental decision. However, if their memory begins to fade, the democrats will run a campaign that will surely remind the public of what their "so-called" representatives did.

A not so well hidden aspect of this impeachment process is to remove a democratic president from office. The hope is that a republican will warm the seat in the year 2000. How unfortunate would it be for the GOP to have to face an Al Gore with two years of presidency under his belt, a great economy and an always-popular military conflict in Iraq. This, instead of the vice president Al Gore who currently visits low level dignitaries in third world nations and spends less time in the White House than Monica Lewinsky.

Some house republicans have realized this and are now urging the senate to push for a censure. These are the same republicans who voted for impeachment saying that our founding forefathers designed the system and we are just implementing it. Yet, you will not find the word censure in any draft of the constitution. Censure is defined as a harsh condemning and as each republican realizes the ramifications of what has happened they will start to distance themselves from the vote. As well as distancing themselves from Judiciary committee chairman Henry Hyde, who will befall the same fate that Newt Gingrich did.

As it stands now, barring any dramatic changes or bone headed moves by our president, Clinton will be censured by congress and probably asked to pay fines. There just isn't the 67 votes needed to convict Clinton. Some Republi-

can senators are already endorsing the idea of censure.

House republicans, like Henry Hyde, should not have been so consumed by pomp and circumstance of such a proceeding and allowed a censure to be passed by the house. After all, Clinton's 72% approval is his job rating. If you ask the voters if they disapproved of his actions through these affairs you will receive a number similar to his job

approval. The republicans could be enjoying two years of a publicly humiliated president who eventually will leave the office to the most qualified republican or professional wrestler. Instead the Republican bomb misfired, sinking the GOP ship to the bottom of the political ocean where it may take years before their constituents will pull them up again.

H.S.A. News

By Kimika Embree

With a New Year also comes a new semester for the Hospitality Student Association. Not only will there be more exciting events, such as the Boston Lodging Exposition to attend, but there will also be a visit to the Merrimack Hotel as a follow-up to last semester's guest speaker. Naturally, if there are any Hospitality majors interested in joining the association, please contact Mika Holmquist, President of the H.S.A at extension 9486. We hope to see you there!

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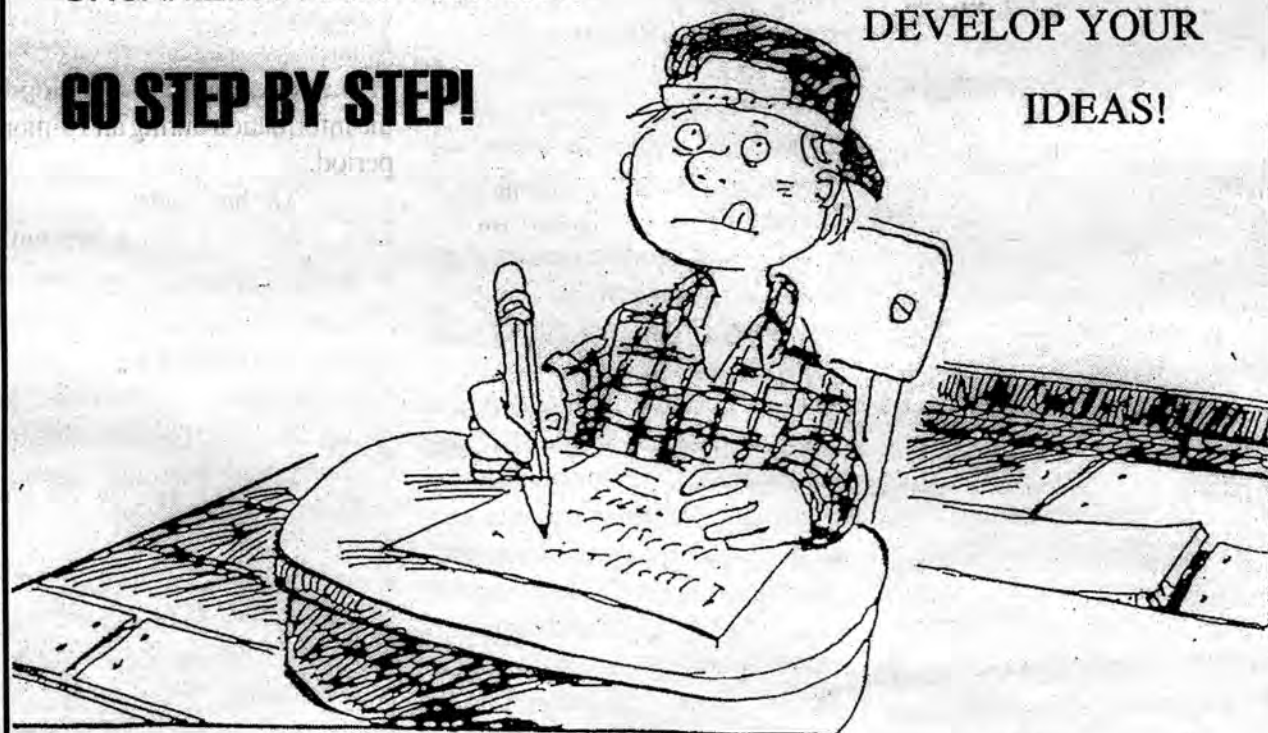
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ACE News

By Kimika Embree

The Association of Cultural Exchange has a lot in store for this semester. Besides planning and executing the annual International Night, which will take place on Saturday, April 17, we also will be joining New England College's International Student Organization in its international night. Another major event that will keep ACE occupied and full of laughs is the Montreal trip. Since one of ACE's goals is to expand one's interaction between International and American students, along with creating a better understanding of the different cultures represented at NHC, we always welcome the membership of any NHC student. Despite the misconception that ACE is only for non-Americans, all are invited to join. Currently, we are also promoting community service and global awareness as part of our mission. If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, please contact Karen Miyamaga, president, at her home phone, 669-9933. Can't wait to see you at one of our next scheduled events.

Rubber band ball puts bounce into student's life

College Press Exchange

University of Delaware sophomore John Bain has few worries.

His health. His grades.

And, of course, the chances that his 1,400-pound rubber band ball – unofficially the world's largest – will go rolling down the driveway from its storage place in Bain's garage.

"I keep waiting for it to get away from me and roll down the street," said Bain, 21, who lives with his parents in Wilmington, Del. "Luckily, that hasn't happened yet."

Bain's got other things on his mind than worrying about a runaway ball – namely, putting the six boxes of rubber bands around the thing so it can be weighed for contention in the Guinness Book of World Records. Currently, Bain says Steve Partridge of Surrey, England, holds the record. His rubber band ball weighed in at 1,022 pounds just a few months ago.

Bain said he hasn't talked to Partridge about taking over the title.

I heard he's still working on his," he said.

The two may be neck-in-neck, but a winner will be determined when this spring's deadline for the year 2000 edition of the Guinness Book of World Records gets closer.

Bain's rubber ball – about 4 1/2 feet high and 12 feet in circumference – has been an eight-month effort. He started constructing it just

to pass the time while he worked in the mailroom of a local law firm.

"It started out as nothing," he said. "Then it was tennis ball-sized, and then softball-sized. When it was about basketball-sized, my boss said, 'Well maybe you should take it home now.'"

As it grew bigger, Bain found it more difficult to get rubber bands to continue his work. He turned to the Alliance Rubber Company of Hot Springs, Ark., for help. The company sends him boxes of 17-inch rubber bands that stretch about 12 feet.

"If I had done it all myself, it probably would cost between three and five thousand dollars," he says.

Bain concentrates on the hard work that keeps his project, er, rolling. At this point, putting a rubber band on the ball requires him to throw himself onto the ball to get the band to stretch across.

About one in every ten rubber bands snap, which isn't too fun, Bain said, quickly adding that he's been popped more times than he can count.

"It hurts really badly," he said. "It leaves a welt when it snaps."

Despite the pain, Bain – who works anywhere from six to 14 hours each week of the ball – thinks his new hobby is pretty fun.

"It's a good workout too," he said. "It's basically pushing a car back and forth for a few hours. I've noticed myself getting bigger since I started."

Majority of college athletes gamble, according to survey

College Press Exchange

Gambling apparently is a much larger problem among college athletes than previously thought.

The vast majority of athletes – especially men – say they have gambled in some way while in school, and a large percentage say they bet on sports, according to a survey released by the Michigan athletic department.

Worse, on the heels of point-shaving scandals at such schools as Arizona State and Northwestern, a considerable number of male athletes admitted they had acted in ways that the study said, "call into question the integrity of their contests."

"It's very scary," U-M athletic director Tom Goss said from the annual NCAA convention in San Antonio, where he is sharing the results of the study with other administrators. U-M mailed surveys to 3,000 NCAA Division I athletes across the nation – 1,500 football players, 750 men's basketball players and 750 women's basketball players – and received a 25.3 percent return. Mike Cross and Ann Vollano, assistant NCAA rules compliance directors at U-M, compiled the information during an 18-month period.

The highlights:

More than five percent of male athletes said they had provided inside information to an outside party for gambling purposes, bet on a game in which they had played, or accepted money for performing poorly in a game.

"That is certainly problematic," Cross said.

About 72 percent of all athletes – 80 percent of men – said they had gambled in some way while in college. Nearly 35 percent of all athletes – more than 45 percent of men – said they had gambled on sports.

A 1996 study by two University of Cincinnati criminologists suggested that about 25 percent of athletes had gambled on college

sports. U-M's survey asked athletes whether they had wagered on sports in general, and Cross said that meant U-M's numbers more accurately reflected the size of the problem.

"Every one of those individuals has committed an NCAA violation, if they gambled on a sport – college or professional – that the NCAA sponsors a championship in," Cross said.

Casino gambling is a popular pastime among athletes, and athletes tend to place large bets when gambling with bookmakers.

Nearly 50 percent of those surveyed said they had wagered at a casino, and the study said the average amount wagered by athletes surveyed on a single sports bet through a bookie was \$57.25. The athletes who bet with bookies wagered an average of \$225 each month, the study said.

"Hopefully, people will notice that there really is a problem," Cross said. "It can happen anywhere. We need more education of athletes on this issue, and people need to take this more seriously."

Cross said U-M had no data on how rampant gambling was among its own athletes.

He said some of the school's football players likely received the survey, but because responses were anonymous, "it is impossible to say" whether any U-M athletes were involved in gambling.

Although Cross said "it would be interesting to know" such information, no internal study of the U-M program was planned.

Michigan, Michigan State and other schools already conduct educational programs on gambling.

Last fall, former New York mobster Michael Franzese lectured U-M and MSU athletes and athletic department personnel on the dangers of on-campus bookies.

At several points during the school year, FBI agents and NCAA representatives speak to teams about gambling, drugs, crime and other issues.

Surf.The.Net.Now

By Ben DeGennaro

Instead of focusing on a single topic this issue, I decided to highlight several web sites that are not necessarily related, but are unique and cool. Some of these sites have been reviewed in leading magazines, some are on the top 100 list of best sites, and some are personal favorites. I hope you enjoy them.

Be sure to check out the Top 100 List. This list changes weekly and posts the Top 100 sites in a multitude of categories. Everything from entertainment, hobbies, love, clothes, and others are listed here. The sites listed are usually pretty good, and I recommend checking them out. Surf on over to the Top 100 at (<http://www.100hot.com>).

Ten million people use this online service and it makes sense that a lot of those people also check out America Online's homepage on the Internet. If you don't have America Online, but want to be able to chat with your online buddies, navigate your way over to the AOL web site. America Online distributes a program called Instant Messenger that allows someone to chat with his/her AOL and Internet buddies without having an America Online Account. Instant Messenger is free and the latest version is 2.0. If you do have an America Online account, you can check your AOL mail from the web without having the AOL software installed on the computer. This feature is handy if you need to check your mail from a computer in the lab or another computer which might not have AOL installed on it. America Online can be reached at (<http://www.aol.com>).

Check out MTV online (<http://www.mtv.com>) and VH1 Online (<http://www.vh1.com>). These sites offer free audio and video and are just cool sites at which to hang out. If you are interested in audio and video, check out Real Audio at (<http://www.real.com>). Real Audio is a program that downloads audio and video from the Internet. The Three-Year degree students use Real Audio to watch the news. Real Audio also allows Internet radio stations to be played over the computer and out through your speakers. Stations are organized by categories, which makes it easier to find something great to listen to.

In addition to Instant Messenger, there are several other chat programs on the web. In my opinion, the best is Mirabilis' ICQ. ICQ (pronounced "I seek u") has the same features as Instant Messenger but with a whole lot more. With the release of ICQ 99, users can leave messages for other users even if they aren't signed on to ICQ. ICQ 99 also allows for voice and file transfers through the Internet. It is possible to have a voice conversation with someone over the Internet at no cost to you! Mirabilis ICQ (<http://www.mirabilis.com>) or (<http://www.icq.com>) ICQ 99 is available at (<http://www.icq99.com>).

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Cool Site of the Day is another great site of the day. It is another random site but is usually pretty good. Check it out at (<http://www.coolsiteoftheday.com>).

When there is snow, turn to the web to find out if school is closed. Channel 9, WMUR posts school closings on the web anytime a school is closed. WMUR can be reached at (<http://www.wmur.com>).

For you chocoholics, check out the Hershey web site. (<http://www.hersheys.com>). Play games online at Sony (<http://www.sony.com>) or take a virtual tour of Disney at (<http://www.disney.com>).

As usual, I ask you to visit my web site. (<http://degennaro.freesevers.com>). I post these Observer articles on my site and regularly post updated and new links. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at bendegennaro@hotmail.com. Good luck and happy surfing!

900 jobs at Glacier Park

Press Release

College students from across the country are being sought for summer jobs at one of the nation's most spectacular national parks.

Glacier National Park, located in the northwest corner of Montana, is best known for its rugged mountain wilderness and its historic lodges. Glacier Park, Inc., is looking for students to fill more than 900 summer jobs in all segments of the hotel and hospitality areas.

Jobs include a large variety of hotel positions, such as hotel front desk clerks, room attendants, cooks, wait persons and tour guides/drivers. Many students also participate in the guest entertainment, which includes American Cabaret Theatre, another Glacier Park tradition. Employees are needed this year from early June to late September. The company is especially interested in students majoring in hotel/restaurant, culinary arts, travel/tourism, accounting majors, and music and theatre.

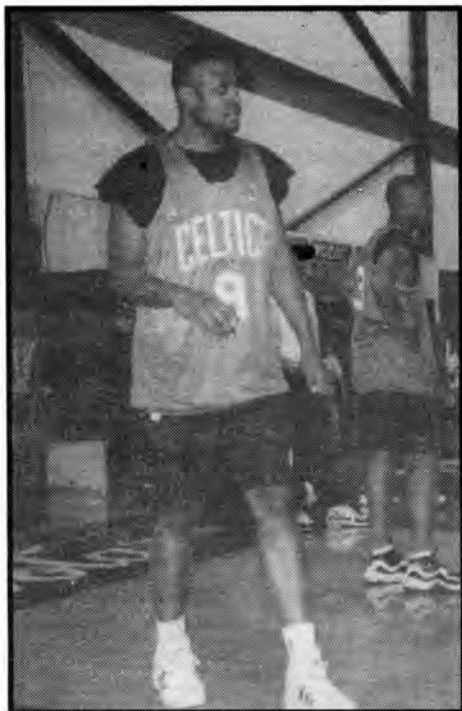
The seven hotels and lodges and the famous red vintage tour coaches operate throughout the 1.4 million acres of Glacier National Park. Since the early 1900s, it has been a tradition for college students from across the country to work at the park while enjoying a number of outdoor activities such as hiking, riding, and fishing in one of the nation's last examples of pristine wilderness.

According to Dale Scott, president of Glacier Park, Inc., the opportunity to work at Glacier affords students educational opportunities in more ways than one.

"You can get much needed job-related experience in a variety of areas, which can help with a career later on," says Scott. "But you can also get life experience education by working in spectacular natural surroundings and through developing a camaraderie with co-workers who come from around the world."

For details on jobs and salaries, call Glacier Park, Inc., at (602) 207-2620, write Glacier Park, Inc., 1850 North Central, Phoenix, AZ, 85077-0924 or visit their Web site at www.gpihr.com.

Glacier Park, Inc., is a subsidiary of Restaura, which is one of the nation's leading dining services contractors.



Celtic's all-star captain Antoine Walker takes a breather as he watches the action on the court. (Photo by Andrea Hill)

When Saturday night came about, students played a large role in allowing the show to roll smoothly. Sports Management majors volunteered their time to distribute posters and tee shirts while the Athletic Department handled the security of the building. The students who helped did it happily. Sophomore Sports Management major Chris Thompson said, "This is a great experience to be able to work with other students in Sport Management field. It's great to make new contacts and it's also to advantages of the opportunities that arrive. It's a great opportunity to get New Hampshire College Sport Management students to work together with the Boston Celtics."

The players headed into the floor approximately twenty minutes before the doors to the regular ticket holders opened. This was so the players could greet the press and VIP's to grant interviews and just get prepared for the upcoming practice. "This was a great idea and a great opportunity for fans to see what happens at our practices because most people don't know what happens when we practice. It's good for the fans and the kids to come out and meet us," said Celtic guard Ron Mercer.

When 6:30p.m. finally arrived and the doors were opened, fans had the opportunity to interact and get autographs from the players. The players greeted the fans with open arms and basically every request that was put in front of them for about a half-hour until the practice started.

All of the Celtics players and coaching staff were present for this event. Practice started with a shoot around and stretching session. The

stands were full and the fans were energetic to welcome the Celtics for their first open public practice. Celtics Head Coach Rick Pitino greeted the crowd before the players got into any drills. "We are extremely excited with the upcoming season for the Celtics. We are one of the youngest teams in basketball and have most of our players signed to long term contracts," said Pitino.

They opened up with a fastbreak drill while Coach Pitino explained to the fans what they were actually doing. Towards the end of the drill, Pitino invited some of the

quickly turned into a slam dunk display.

With the end of drill came the first quarter of the intersquad scrimmage. The teams were divided into starters, who were Antoine Walker, Ron Mercer, Paul Pierce, Kenny Anderson and Walter McCarty; and reserves of Dana Barros, Andrew DeClercq, Popeye Jones, Greg Minor and Bruce Bowen.

They played for ten minutes and then broke into another shooting drill, which Coach Pitino explained to the crowd. "One thing

had to practice shooting three pointers at a quick pace. Two more drills were performed and two more quarters of the scrimmage to bring the practice to an end.

At the end of the practice, Coach Pitino called all of the four to 15 year olds, and 65 and older onto the floor to receive envelopes of free Celtics tickets to upcoming games. The players themselves distributed the tickets. The night concluded in the same way it started with an autograph session so that fans that didn't already get autographs had the opportunity to do so.



Two lucky NHC Sport Management volunteers, Matt Neily and Chris Thompson, posed with Head Coach Rick Pitino. (Photo by Doug Fischer)

younger fans to participate. Then came the part of the practice which was easily the crowds favorite. The players started a lay-up drill which

that we like to do is practice getting rid of the ball quick." This drill had Dana Barros on one half of the court and Arlin Gamett on the other. They



The Celtics are anticipating a good season this year. "We are ready to get going and start playing again. Its time," said Celtics all-star forward Antoine Walker. Coach Pitino felt about the same way. "It's a fifty game season and now that Michael's (Jordan) gone, anyone can win the championship."



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NHC skaters stomp Suffolk

By Tara Cowdrey

On January 12, the men's hockey team resumed play after almost a month of inaction from competition. The game was home, so it took place at the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett. Yet, you could never tell, as NHC hockey remained undefeated with its first shutout of the season: NHC beat Suffolk, 8-0.

The only goal scored in the first period was two minutes into the game with Mike Cesere scoring off of a steal by Tom Fielding.

Into the second pe-

riod, it seemed as if anything could happen because NHC was only up one goal. Then at 1:47 into the period Ryan Frew got a goal as-

sisted by Nick Nugent and Steve Acropolis during power play action. Once they had the 2-0 lead, the audience seemed more at



NHC keeps control of the puck as they try to gain control of the blue line. (Photo by Tara Cowdrey)

ease.

During the second period, Suffolk's goaltender, Matt Constanino, was hammered with shots from NHC. With 3:39 into the period Chris Holland scored with assists from Dan Roy and Chuck Croteau. Then after a few minutes, it was Nugent's turn to score, unassisted. Less than a minute later, Rich Miller got his first goal of the game, with help from Croteau. Miller again scored the next goal for NHC, and the assists came from Roy and Nugent. With less than two minutes left in the second period, Cesere assisted Miller in achieving a hat trick (3 goals). NHC

left that period 7-0, looking great. Defensively, NHC was also on fire, allowing only four shots on goal. In the third period, Miller finished off the scoring with an assist by Roy.

Nick Roussel took credit for the first shutout of the season. This 10-0 undefeated start is the best start the hockey team has ever seen, and it ties the NHC record for consecutive wins. Way to go guys, and keep it up!

Update: NHC suffered their first loss (7-3) of the season against UMass Dartmouth on January 23 at the Tri-Town Ice Arena.

Men's basketball racks up another win

NHC Press Release

Junior Bobby Miller netted 23 points and senior Orlando Ranson added 17 to lead the New Hampshire College men's basketball to an 87-69 home victory over Binghamton University on January 23. NHC, which has won seven-straight and 12 of its last 14 games, improved to 13-5 overall and 9-1 in the New England Collegiate Conference.

NHC, which never trailed in the game, held a

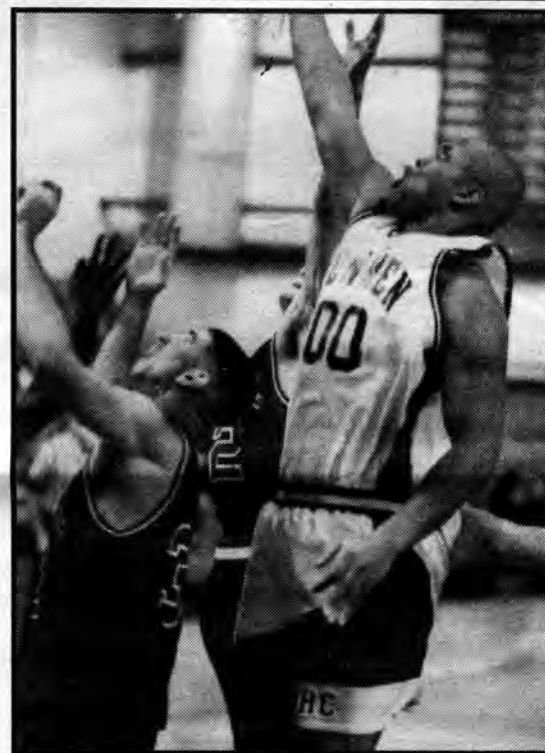
50-47 lead midway through the second half when the Penmen put together an 18-7 run and opened up a 68-54 lead following a three-pointer by freshman Tim Lee with 8:26 to play. The Colonials cut the lead to nine points, 68-59, following two free throws, but the Penmen answered with a three-pointer by Ranson and later opened up an 82-62 lead following a layup by junior Mitch Filson with 3:16 re-

maining.

NHC drilled 14 three-pointers in the game, as Miller and Ranson both made four long-range shots.

Four players reached double figures for NHC, as senior Rob Welsh totaled a career-high 15 points, while Lee finished with 11 points.

NHC returns to action on Jan. 27 at the University of Bridgport.



Carlington Bent uses his height to get a rebound above his competitors' heads. (Photo by Tom McDermott)

Women's basketball suffers another loss

NHC Press Release

On Jan. 18, NHC women's basketball faced their rivals of St. Anselm. NHC took the loss for the game with a score of 69-55.

Saint Anselm held a 33-26 lead at the half, and outscored NHC, 14-2, over the first 5:26 of the second half. A three-pointer capped the run and gave the Hawks a 47-28 lead. NHC came no closer than 13 points the rest of the way.

The teams traded baskets for the first eight minutes of the first half, before the Hawks ran off 11 unanswered points and took their largest lead of the half,

23-12, following a three-point play with 5:48 left before intermission.

Junior Kristy Woodill paced the Penwomen with 16 points, while junior Jen Robinson added 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Binghamton University had a 79-49 victory over New Hampshire College on Jan. 23 at the NHC Fieldhouse. NHC dropped to 0-16 overall and 0-10 in the New England Collegiate Conference.

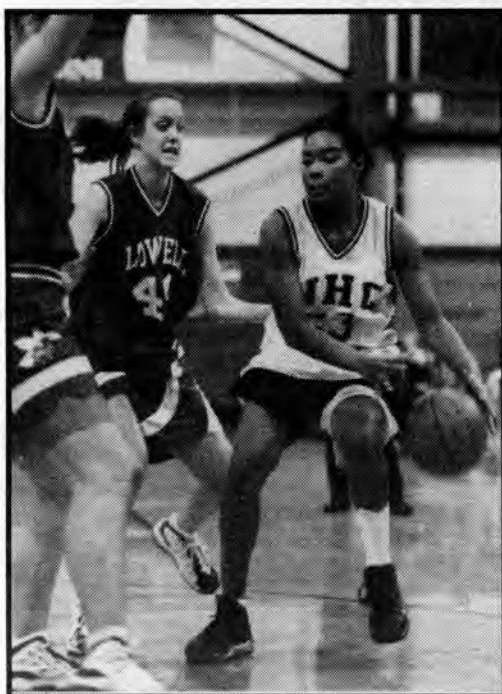
Binghamton outscored NHC, 18-6, over the first seven minutes of the game and took its largest

lead of the first half, 37-21, following a layup with 2 minutes to play in the half.

The teams traded baskets for the first six minutes of the second half, before the Colonials put together a 15-3 run and opened up a 63-36 lead following two free throws with 6:32 to play.

Junior Kristy Woodill paced the Penwomen with 15 points, while junior Jen Robinson added 14 points. Sophomore Loretta Kavanaugh chipped in 13 points and nine rebounds.

NHC's next game is away on Jan. 27.



Tynae Gaston uses her strength to get past two offenders during a recent game. (Photo by Tom McDermott)