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NHC President receives the honor of a Fulbright scholar

By Bindu Rai

Dr. Richard Gustafson has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Visiting Scholar in Higher Education. He received the honor one year ago, but due to the Asian Financial Crisis, there was no funding for his trip to the Ministry of University Affairs in Bangkok, Thailand. In January he received a call stating that the project had received the necessary funds and the ball was set in motion.

The President is planning to depart on his journey on April 28th, accompanied by his wife. The trip will occupy his schedule for 4 months and he hopes to achieve all that he is aiming for. Thailand topped his list of places because of his wish to see the country, interact with its people and their culture and also because



President Richard Gustafson was awarded the prestigious Fulbright Visiting Scholar in Higher Education.

NHC boasts the presence of numerous international students from Thailand. The timing was also perfect. The majority of Fulbright programs requires the scholars to travel for over a year. The Thailand program involves 4 months only.

He will be based in Bangkok, but a lot of his work requires travel 6-8 weeks throughout the country, visiting private and public schools. Seminars will be conducted in August on issues regarding program accreditation, curriculum development, and more. He also plans to attend the institution in Cheng Mai where NHC runs an ALCC program for students who have English as a second language.

While the President is away, Dr. Larkin, Vice President of Student Affairs, will be Acting President. The President has every inten-

tion of staying in touch with NHC via e-mail and fax. Upon asking him if this trip is entirely business, he answered that he and his wife plan to make time plenty for sightseeing and fun.

The late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas introduced the Fulbright Educational Exchange Program. This program aims to "increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other people of other countries." Others who have been awarded this honor include President Fernando Cardoso and his wife; NATO Secretary General Javier Solana; Nobel Prize Winner, Milton Friedman, and various others. And some of NHC's Fulbright winners include Ausra Kubilius, David Bradt and Larry Johnson.

The NEASC's "Outcomes Assessment" plan

By Mark Williams

On March 25, 1999, while we had the day off and were enjoying the first days of spring, the faculty and staff of New Hampshire College were at a seminar on Developing an Initial Student Outcomes Assessment Plan. In plain English this means that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) wants colleges to become more accountable to their customers, the students, by proving that they are doing what they claim to do, namely, providing an education. The NEASC feels that it is important for colleges to be able to measure their effectiveness to improve the institutional quality.

The NEASC represents the Commission on Institutions of Higher

Education and is responsible for accreditation of all colleges in the New England area. This new plan, which all levels of administration will help develop with Dr. Peggy Maki of the NEASC, will provide a tangible measure of whether the school is fulfilling its promises to students via mission statements and course objectives. "There is no bag of tricks being handed to us," said Dean Doucette, "nor are these standards being imposed on us." Instead, faculty, staff, deans, president and trustees are collaborating with the NEASC in proposing new ways of gauging students' success.

The guidelines determined by this workshop will be an integral part of the standards used to determine the

credibility of a school by the commission. New Hampshire College adheres to eleven standards used in assessing institutional effectiveness. The satisfactory inspection using this criteria in 1992 earned NHC a ten-year accreditation, the maximum granted by the NEASC. These eleven standards cover all areas of college business, including mission and purposes, planning and evaluation, organization and governance, programs and instruction, faculty, student services, library and information resources, physical resources, financial resources, public disclosure, and integrity. The new outcomes assessment will enable the college's faculty and staff to better the standards already in place or,

according to Dr. Doucette, "The fact that we are working on being better does not imply things don't work as they are; we just want improvement."

According to the NEASC's policy statement on institutional effectiveness, this new system of appraisal will "function as a tool for the encouragement of self-improvement as well as a basis for quality assurance." The implementation of this tool would be visible in clearer course objectives faculty concentration on the accomplishment of these goals, inspiring more unique, expedient methods of learning. The final objective of these guides is a more comprehensive education for the student.



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From the Editor's Desk:

Finally, the snow is melted and the springtime is here. It's great to be able to go outside with no jacket and not be cold.

Well, here is our seventh issue. Included in this issue is a special Honors insert in the middle of the paper. Anything you ever wanted to know about the Honors program, you can find out in here. Also, the Honors students wrote all of the articles.

President Gustafson recently received the Fulbright Award. This is a very prestigious award and the entire NHC community should be proud of such an accomplishment.

Unfortunately, there has been a recent death of a young man who was involved with New Hampshire College. He was a very dedicated math tutor for the Learning Center and received an award for his hard work and efforts in helping out students at NHC. We, The Observer staff, have dedicated this issue to the memory of this young man, Steven Gionet, for his dedication to the tutoring of the students at NHC.

On a lighter note, the spring season has also brought out the spring sports. Lacrosse has already had a game, and baseball and softball are well underway. Good luck and best wishes for a successful season to you all.

Also, I'd like to give my own congratulations to the hockey team for having a great season. I went to many games and always enjoyed them. The Penmen hockey players have definitely turned me into a die-hard hockey fan.

Remember that we greatly accept letters to the editors. And if you'd like to write about any issues or events concerning NHC, feel free to write an article about, or let us know so we can write an article. Hope you all enjoy this issue and the spring weather as well.

Tara Cowdrey
Co-Editor in Chief

Quote of the issue:

"No person who is enthusiastic about his work has anything to fear from life."

-Samuel Goldwyn

From the Editor's Desk

There were many events to report on this month, good and bad, and I hope The Observer was successful in shedding some light on the subjects. Some of these subjects include the Board of Trustees proposals, the President receiving the Fulbright award and also the Honors societies inductions.

Another event was the SGA elections that happened this past week. The "Brit" was elected to office. Ben Sutch will take office next year as President of SGA. Vice President will be Chad Pimentel, Secretary is Rebecca Wildstein and Treasurer is Sherry McCall. Congratulations!

There is a special section this issue compliments of the Honors Program. This section was written, compiled and laid out by the Honors students.

Good luck to everyone for the rest of the semester. It is finally SPRING so cheer up and study hard.

There is one more issue of The Observer left. Hopefully everyone will read and enjoy.

Andrea Hill
Co-Editor in Chief

Special thank you:

I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the New Hampshire College community. The faculty, administration, staff and my friends have been so supportive and gracious. I cannot put into words what you all have done for me, my family and the American Cancer Society. Close to \$500.00 were collected in memory of my father John F. McMennamin. This money will go towards further research for the debilitating disease of cancer. Tatum Turner and Michael Johnson, you two went well beyond your call of duty. You both have definitely earned your "angels wings." You have all touched my heart in a way that I will never forget. Thank you.

Courtney L. McMennamin

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Dear Editors:

I realize the impropriety of sending you a letter given my current affiliation with The Observer. Some readers will see this as bootstrapping on my part while others will conclude it's a devious approach to applauding the staff's paper-making efforts. In fact, if you print this, I can already hear my colleagues crying "foul" (as well as some other words unsuitable for a college newspaper). But no matter: I simply must respond to a story in the 24 February issue, one which covered the rigors of acquiring stage-combat techniques. The article described the various skills actors must learn before they can realistically simulate combat for film and stage. It was an informative piece and carefully detailed the various methods used to incapacitate an opponent, to wit, punching, kicking, throttling, stabbing, jabbing, pummeling and stomping.

And it was while reading this story that I realized these skills in the art of mayhem might prove useful, even lifesaving, to professors here at New Hampshire College. Let's be painfully honest about this matter; we aren't always the most popular folks on campus with students, administrators, staff, and sadly enough, our colleagues, all of whom we can number among our sometime enemies. So what would be amiss if our teachers, especially the least loved among us, attended combat workshops to learn the skills of self-defense? I am sure the Dean's Office and SGA would happily fund the venture knowing it would provide professors with the techniques needed to defend themselves from angry students, impatient administrators, disgruntled staff and unstable faculty. We all know that aggressive behavior is becoming daily more

fashionable, a phenomenon experts attribute to airborne toxins, excessive amounts of sugar in our fruit loops, even, perhaps, those mind-altering X-rays beamed at Earth from UFOs stationed on Luna. Whatever the causes, there can be no question that we are becoming more dangerous to ourselves—and to others. My proposal, an idea anticipated by fight managers, black belts, dueling champs, and garrote masters, would help faculty acquire the professional training it desperately needs for defense and survival. Without it, I fear we're doomed to a career of perpetual intimidation and/or hospitalization.

There is another benefit here, one which could add much prestige and popularity to our faculty. These workshops also train their students how to juggle, dance, rappel, even disappear—a whole boxful of stunts and magic tricks. These skills, adroitly managed, could prove very helpful in the classroom should things slow down and teachers need to regain their students' attention.

I am confident the faculty-at-large will endorse this proposal with enthusiasm; and I believe students will approve the idea, too, especially given the possibility that they could be treated to a faculty disappearing act during a classroom lull. Imagine—your instructor vanishes from sight, perhaps in a cloud of smoke, maybe never to return, and this only days before final exams!

Yr pal,

Don Sieker

Dear Editors:

What opinion do some Public Safety "officers" have of the students on this campus? This ques-

tion is addressed to the Department of Public Safety at New Hampshire College.

You might ask yourselves why I am so concerned about this issue. Well, some people on this campus will agree with me when I say that some of the people who work in this department need to learn some manners and treat each and everyone of us with some dignity and respect.

One Saturday night I was having a good time at this party on campus when around 1a.m. we heard this loud pounding on the door. We knew it was THEM, just by the nice and soft way of knocking that makes PSO's unique. When my friend opened the door, she did not even get a good evening and these two so-called "officers" started shouting and explaining the whole quiet hours procedures.

The only thing that makes me upset about that issue is the fact that some of the officers who normally patrol the residence areas during the weekend have this superiority complex and think that the only way the can treat us is like animals. I don't know how you feel, but I think that we could like them a little bit better if they would think of us as HUMAN BEINGS.

This problem does not only involve weekend patrolling. They have given me many reasons to feel this way about them and unless they show me that they can treat us like people, I will graduate in May with the impression that they are the ones who need to be put in a zoo and not us.

In a way, they should be thankful to us because if this campus did not have resident students, they would be sitting on their bottoms all day wasting most of their time, and "time is money."

Thank you,
Isabel Gual
A concerned student

Dear Editors:

Many parents of freshmen students who are enrolled at New Hampshire College are beginning to second-guess the meal plan they were forced to purchase for their children.

Every freshman has the same meal plan, which costs \$1,020.00. The money is put onto the student's I.D. cards, which are scanned at the time of each purchase. This money can only be spent at the snack bar or in the caf-

eteria. If the money is not used up by the end of the following semester, then it is carried over into the Spring Semester, but if all the money isn't spent by the end of the second semester, then it is lost. The parents never see the money they spent at the beginning of the year.

I'm a freshman student at New Hampshire College, and I don't eat anywhere close to \$1,020.00 worth of food during the course of a semester. I never make it to breakfast, and I'm not here much on the weekends; therefore, at the end of the Fall Semester, I had \$400.00 left over. It was great that it carried over to the Spring Semester, but most likely I'm going to have the same amount left over at the end of this semester. Because of this, my parents are going to have wasted \$800.00 of their hard-earned money. The college should allow students to spend the money on the card anywhere in the school. I would like to be able to spend the money left on my card in the laundry room, school store, Pub or in the Culinary Restaurant.

Another suggestion is to have a few different meal plans for parents and their kids choose from. Many students know their eating habits and are able to estimate how many meals they eat a day. If there were a few different meal plans, students would be able to choose one most suitable for them. For example, students could have certain amounts of money on the card equivalent to one, two or three meals a day. In a case where a student was to run out of money, a parent could put more money on the card.

Parents or students (whoever is paying for school) should not have to spend \$1,020.00 for food when they know they cannot possibly eat that much. Then they have to pay another \$600.00 for books and other supplies when they could be using their unused food money on those things.

When the college forces students and parents to buy a meal plan and the students know they're not going to use it all, the college is robbing the students and parents of their money. The parents should call the college and make it known that they are not happy about the way the college steals money from them. The students can tell their student representatives how they feel, so hopefully this issue can be brought to the attention of the college.

Lyndsay Genzler

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SGA, Board of Trustees Meeting '99

By Andrea Hill

On Saturday, March 13, the Board of Trustees for NHC gathered to hear proposals from the Student Government Association. There were three well-prepared proposals put forth. SGA split into several groups to present and research information.



SGA President, Bill Koval presents a check to President Gustafson and Rick Courtemache to help aide in the renovations of the Fitness Center. (Photo by Andrea Hill)

Bill Koval, SGA President, opened the meeting and introduced Ben Sutch, Vice President of SGA. Sutch spoke of the progress that SGA had done so far this year. He gave examples like Midnight Madness, the success of the semi-formal and the seven new clubs established this year.

The first proposal was SGA and CAPE office renovations. This group was led by Tom Presti, and included Kate Giannetti, Rebecca Wildstein, Keith Fuller and Chris Thompson. The goal of this proposal is to increase public knowledge of the SGA and CAPE offices as well as integrate all campus clubs and organizations through a central computer station that can be accessed by all club and organization leaders. The approximate cost of these renovations is \$20,000.

The second proposal was the cafeteria renovations. As we all know the cafeteria is looking pretty grim lately. This group was led by Chad Pimental, and also included Channel Murray, Marcos Carvalho and Jen Taveras. These renovations will also cost approximately \$20,000. The objective of this proposal is to make the cafeteria a more pleasurable place to eat and socialize. The renovations include new furniture, new pictures and freshly painted walls. Pimental explained

how almost everything that they are putting in could be transferred to a new Student Center if the one we have is ever going to be rebuilt.

The last proposal was the installation of Internet jacks around campus. This was the most expensive proposal set forth, costing approximately \$31,792. This group

was headed by Tristin Harris and John Feudo, and also included David Snuffer and Amy Cowan. This group proposes Internet jacks in the cafeteria and in the library.

At the end of all the presentations, SGA announced that it was willing to contribute \$25,000. Koval also presented a check for \$25,000 for renovations to the Fitness Center. President Gustafson and Chairman of the Trustees, Rick Courtemanche congratulated SGA for a great presentation and told them that they would carefully consider everything presented to them.

On Friday, March 19, I sat down with President Gustafson to discuss the Board's decisions. Although there have been no definite decisions made at this point President Gustafson seemed confident that the proposals would be passed. The decision will be definite on April 16. SGA and the Trustees decided instead of SGA paying \$25,000 from all the different proposals, to have SGA pay completely for the SGA and CAPE office renovations. Gustafson was very pleased with the preparation of the proposals and the professionalism of SGA. He was also surprised at the donation for the Fitness Center. In conclusion, the president was pleased with the choices of the proposals and confident that they will all pass.

ACE students have a blast at New England College

By Bindu Rai

International Night is probably one of the most important events for various ACE members. The opportunity for them to see this event as a spectator, not as a performer, was an opportunity most did not pass up. The members set out early to lend a helping hand to the New England College (NEC) international students organization. Arrival there was at 4:00 P.M., and the visitors were in for a shock. The program for the evening included a performance by NHC students. As the ACE members had not been informed about this, no one was prepared.

This was a challenge, which was too good to pass up. Simon Girtke, Shahla Siddiqui, Chizuru Iwasaki (Rose), Karen Miyanaga (ACE President), Heiu Tieu, and I choreographed an Indian dance in one hour. The response that was received for the dance was amazing. Nobody could have guessed that this dance was just a haphazard

attempt to capture a polished performance.

The International Club of NEC prepared the menu for the night. As it had no one to cook international cuisine, it decided to take it upon itself with all the members thoroughly enjoying the food. Their acts included German and Scottish dances. While someone played the fiddle, others sang to the melodious tunes. The highlight of the evening was the Veteran Band, which had come to perform. Approximately 30 members of this group sang some old country folk songs and entertained the crowd; their sarcastic humor just added more spice to their performance.

NEC and NHC plan to work together to plan entertainment for the International Night which is being held in the small gym on April 17th, 1999 at NHC. A few of the entertainers from NEC have planned to perform for this event and the ACE President hopes it will be equally entertaining and fun.



HSA News

By Kimika Embree

Well, it's that time of year again. The Hospitality Student Association will be holding elections for its executive board on April 14, 1999. For all Hospitality majors interested in running, there is a mandatory meeting on March 31 at 5:30 in the Hospitality Building. Those interested can sign-up at the reception desk in the entrance of the building. On another note, the Boston Lodging Exposition will be held on April 25-27. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Mika (president) at X 9486.

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.

3/17/99

On the above date, a PSO was checking a residential area when he saw a student's vehicle parked on the landscape behind the residential building. As the PSO got to the vehicle, he saw the owner of the vehicle outside and advised him that he would be documented. Another student came over to the PSO's truck and said, "give him a break, it's St. Patty's Day." The PSO told this student that the owner of the vehicle knows where he is supposed to park it. As the PSO was leaving, the person kept walking along side the truck and asked the PSO to give his friend a break and also stated that the PSO's should be dealing with the snowball fight and not the parking of the vehicle. The PSO asked for this person's I.D. and he said he did not have one. He asked for his name and he said "write me up," and walked away. The PSO waited for the vehicle to move and saw both students in the vehicle.

3/21/99

On the above date, a PSO responded to a call for someone who just broke a window. When the PSO arrived he found an orange chair outside by the window with glass on it. The student who called came to the window, looked inside and found glass all over the couch and floor. He stated, "it just happened when I called." He said he didn't see anyone, but he heard someone run in the direction of another residential building and heard a door close. Maintenance was advised.

3/25/99

A PSO and a RD responded to a kicked in door. The person who called said that someone knocked and kicked his door, but he did not answer. Then two hours later, it happened again. The person kicked his door and broke it so he could not get out. The door was split at the lock. The person in the room had no suspects. He also said he didn't hear any voices but he thought there was more than one person doing this. Maintenance was called to fix the door and make it secure.

3/28/99

On the above date, a PSO shined his flashlight behind a residential building and noticed two males in slacks and dress shirts carrying a keg between them. The PSO stayed at the back of the building and two other PSO's went to the front. And RA and RD on duty were called. A male exited the building, and when asked, said he was not a student here. He didn't have any I.D. to show to the PSO. The RD arrived with one of the residents and allowed the PSO to look around. Three kegs were found in the upstairs. Another resident came home and the RD spoke with her. A student was seen snoring on the couch and he never woke up.

Presidents sign agreement to help control alcohol abuse

By Andrea Hill

On March 17, 1999 Presidents from all colleges and universities around New Hampshire were invited to a press conference at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation in Concord. The purpose of this press conference was for the Presidents to sign the New Hampshire College and University Council Statement of Presidential Commitment Against Alcohol Abuse Among College Students.

This commitment has been in the works since last October. It articulates five areas in which Presidents promise to help follow. They are: 1) speaking out, 2) seeking collaboration, 3) evaluating practices, 4) engaging communities and 5) educating the public.

Dr. Donald P. Wharton, President of Plymouth State College, spoke on behalf of the NHCUC. Wharton explained that

this agreement is the first step on a long road, explaining that the NHCUC does not want to abolish all drinking on campuses but it wants to control the drinking and to teach the underage drinkers to make more responsible decisions. NHCUC believes that this is not just a problem for the colleges, but it is also a community problem. It believes that it is very important for the communities where the colleges and universities are located to get involved and help prevention of alcohol abuse.

Other states have similar agreements but New Hampshire is the first state to involve public and private institutions in its agreement.

President Gustafson was excited to be a part of the agreement. Also working with the President is Director of the Wellness Center at NHC, Sara Wilson, and Dr. George Larkin, Dean of Student Affairs.



President Gustafson, as well as all other presidents from New Hampshire universities and colleges signed the Statement of Presidential Commitment Against Alcohol Abuse Among College Students. (Photo by Andrea Hill)

Snowball fight '99

By Andrea Hill

On March 13 a snowball fight broke out in front of Washington Hall at about 11:00 p.m. Public Safety Officers soon interrupted the snowball fight. In so doing, several PSO's were struck by snowballs. Several windows in Washington were broken and a few more around campus.

When the snowball fight got out of hand, police from Hookset,

Manchester and the State police were called in to control the crowd of about 200 students. Along with them they brought the k-9 unit and the paddy wagon. Students scattered into the woods and to the railroad tracks. Two students were arrested and several others were documented by the PSO's. At about 1:00 a.m. the snowball fight came to an end.

Kappa Delta Phi

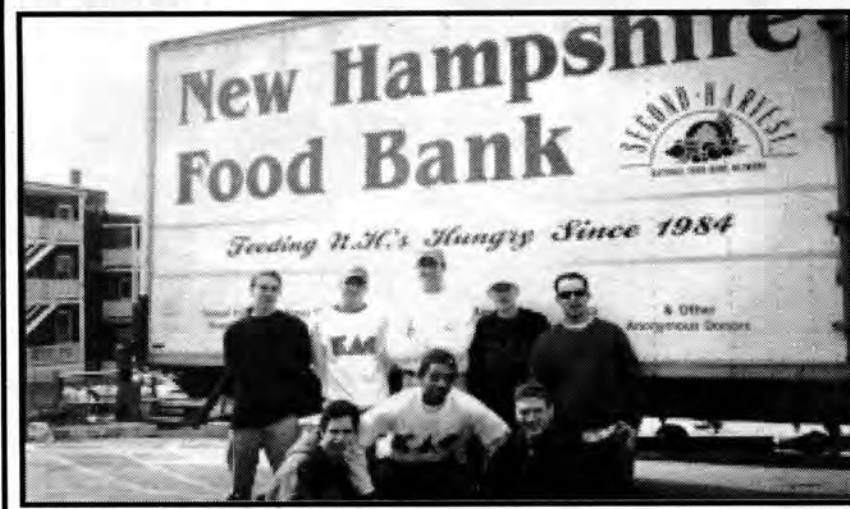
By Charles R. Kilham

The Brother of Kappa Delta Phi National Fraternity, Inc. have done many things to help the community in this school year. Starting early in the Fall semester of 1998, the Kappa Delta Phi brothers went to Boston, MA, to help out the *Boston Philanthropic Foundation*. During this evening, six of the brothers went and handed out pamphlets as well as meet and greeted the attendees of the function. At this function, the *Boston Philanthropic Foundation* raised thousands of dollars for needy children in the Boston area.

The Brothers did not stop there, however. During the Christmas season, we purchased a gift certificate for a needy child through the "Angel Tree" program. We also sent a couple of Brothers to the *Mt. Carmel Nursing Home* as part of the *Happy Birthday Visitors*. The *Red Cross* came to our school and the Brothers were there to lend their time as well as some precious bodily fluids. A trip to the *NH Food Bank* ended the semester with some community spirit.

With the onset of the New Year, the Brothers were going strong again. The *NH Food Bank* was once again looking for help, so the Brothers set aside one Saturday and went to lend a hand. We had help on this occasion from our advisor Corey Hall and also from our sisters of KX. *Mt. Carmel Nursing Home* was also another trip in which the Brothers of Kappa were represented. In order to help out the community on a more long-term basis, the Brothers of Kappa Delta Phi have adopted a stretch of highway in Hooksett, NH. Their job will be to keep it free of debris.

The Brothers of Kappa Delta Phi are very interested in the community. We have done and will continue to do everything we can to help out our fellow being. If anyone had any questions, or wishes to take part in our community service, please contact Charles R. Kilham at X9491 or David Snuffer at X9370.



The short film "Seniors" will be shown two different days in the 'Down Under' Meeting Room in Chocorua Hall:

Monday April 5 at 7pm
Tuesday April 6 at 7pm

This film (56 minutes) consists of interviews with five Stanford seniors about their current concerns and retrospection on their time at college. It is an honest look at very different experiences, all with sweet and sour outcomes. Bobby Reeve, Wellness Center Counselor, will lead a discussion should the desire be there. This film offers a good opportunity for seniors to hear the thoughts of other students transitioning out of college life.



Adopt a Block, Adopt a Park

The 1999 Adopt-A-Block Project Committee is organizing over 1000+ center city neighbors, friends, students, youth and civic groups to clean-up designated areas of the city on April 24, 1999. The clean-up will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a free pizza lunch for all volunteers held at Veteran's Park in downtown Manchester.

Last year, 1,000 volunteers worked together to clean-up more than 100 blocks and 7 city parks, removing 28 tons of trash from the streets of Manchester.

Please contact Rick Groleau at New Hampshire College (603) 645-9698 or Sharon Curole at FOR MANCHESTER (603) 628-6880.

Community Service

By Thomas McKinnon

Adopt a Block

Adopt a Block will be functioning on April 24, 1999 from 9am to 12 noon. This program is still in the works; they are hoping to have representatives from all the clubs join in the festivities. The idea is to take a section of Manchester and clean it up to make it a better place to live.

is looking for people to join their new committee. The office recognized several faculty, staff and students they felt would offer enthusiasm and motivation in helping them become established.

Connections

The full crew of the Community Service Office is working hard to help out the community. They would very much like your help. If you could show up in the Student Center behind the information booth, and give them a hand or just call them to ask what these events are all about it would be a great help. You can reach the Community Service office at (603) 645-9767; just ask for Gail or Kristy. Or you can contact Eric at ext. 2130. Be a good Samaritan a help out your community today.

Behind the Scenes

Kristy Hiller is currently a freshman at New Hampshire College. Her major was accounting but she has since dropped that, and will take up something else business related. She resides in Winnisquam 104. She works in the Community Service Office for her on campus job.

You Could Help

The Community Service Office at New Hampshire College

Spring Break down under

By David Snuffer

When most people think of a Spring Break destination, they think of Cancun, Mexico, Panama City, Florida, and Negria, Jamaica. I wish I could say I spent my Spring Break in one of those party destinations, but Spring Break for me was quite different from that of most college students. For one, I spent my break with my parents. Secondly, my destination was Australia. I really didn't know what to expect from this trip, but I was excited to go "down under."

Well, Australia is an extremely huge country, so big that it the same size of the United States. So my parents decided that we would spend our week in Sydney, the largest city of Australia with a population of four million people. Well, when I arrived in Sydney it was wonderful to get off the plane after nineteen hours in an airplane and having to adjust to the many time differences. Sydney was only sixteen hours ahead of the eastern time zone. When I left Boston on Saturday morning, it was already Monday in Sydney.

One of my concerns with this trip was what I was going to be doing in Australia. But once I got to Sydney, I found that there were plenty of activities to take on. My parents and I did everything possible. There was much sight seeing to be done in Sydney. We saw the Sydney Tower, Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Olympic Stadium, Blue Mountains, and the Sydney Opera House, one of the most famous pieces of architecture in the world. There was also one more sight seeing thing and that was viewing kangaroos. How could I go to Australia with out seeing kangaroos? So my parents and I went to The Australian Wildlife Park. I just love animals so I really enjoyed myself. I finally got to see my kangaroos and many other animals of Australia. There was one animal that stuck out and that was the koala. They were

the coolest animals. All the koala does is sleep, eat and look cute; sounds exactly like me.

Since it was summer time in Australia, we had to enjoy a few days at the beach. Sydney has the most gorgeous beaches. The two beaches that I visited were Bondi Beach and Manly Beach. When I went to Bondi Beach, it had a real California-beach feel with a boardwalk, skateboard ramp, and tons of surfers. Bondi Beach is one of Sydney's most famous beaches, but I didn't get a chance to swim there. I did have the opportunity to swim at Manly Beach. The water was marvelous, but the waves were gigantic, so gigantic that the undertow took me under. Well, my father had to be rescued by a lifesaver (lifeguard) because he also got pulled under. We both learned the waves were no joke that day. Even those we had some problems, we still had a nice time at the beach and I was able to get that tan I wanted.

Some of the best times I had on this trip happened during the night. Sydney at night seemed to be a crazy place. Everything you would want to do you could find. I seemed to find myself at bars and dance clubs having the time of my life. I met many people and discovered new beers. I learned that Fosters is the Australian Budwiser of beer. So Fosters really isn't that great of a beer over there. Anyway, the nightlife was extremely typical of the United States, but even better because I was in Sydney.

Well, I must say this was one of the best trips of my life. Everything was wonderful. People bent over backward to help you, and I had a chance to see many wonderful sites. My parents loved it so much they are talking about returning next year and I agree because it will give me a chance to see other cities in Australia. I just really loved the peace. So this wasn't the typical Spring Break, but maybe it will be in the future. Sydney had great parties, girls, beaches, and a drinking age of eighteen. Yeah, mates, it was a great Spring Break down under.



ACE News

By Kimika Embree

Hello, everybody! The Association for Cultural Exchange is currently focusing on the April 17th International Night. As you have probably seen the many posters around campus, this is obviously an enormous event. Not only will there be a gourmet international dinner, but the costumes and a multi-cultural program will presented. Tickets are now available at the CIE office and in the cafeteria from April 1 to April 16 (11:00am to 2:00pm), or until sold out. Ticket prices are \$5.00 in advance for NHC students and \$7.00 in advance for non-NHC students. Don't miss the hottest event of the spring season!

For those students who are performing or involved with the fashion show, please note the following dates. On Thursday, April 15th, rehearsal starts at 6:00pm in the small gym. All performers must attend; if not, the act will be canceled. On Friday, April 16th, there will be a full-dressed rehearsal starting at 6:00pm in the small gym. Each performer will receive one free ticket. If you have any questions please contact ACE president, Karen, at 669-9933.

Honor societies induction ceremony

By Tara Cowdrey

On Sunday, March 14, at the Derryfield School, there was an induction ceremony for three different New Hampshire College honor societies.

One of the societies is Delta Mu Delta. This society is a national honor society in business administration. Membership requirements for this society are restricted to business students who show good character, are a junior or senior and have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.2 in their degree program. This year 78 students were inducted into the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society.

Alpha Chi is the National Honor Society for Liberal Arts majors at New Hampshire College. The requirements to be a member in this honor society include being a liberal arts major, having at least half of the work completed required for the major, ranking in the top 10 percent of his/her class and having earned a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above. Twenty-one students were inducted into the Alpha Chi Honor Society this year.

Phi Theta Kappa is for associate degree programs, whereas the other two are for Baccalaureate degree programs. Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society, with its students needing no less than a 3.5 GPA to be invited to accept membership. Phi Theta Kappa inducted 19 members this year.

One student who deserves special recognition is Brooke Chilberg. This year, she was inducted into both the Delta Mu Delta and the Alpha Chi Honor Societies.

The ceremony started with the Processional, where the audience remained seated. The North Shore Woodwind Quintet provided the music.

The Mace-Bearer was Doug Blais, advisor for Delta Mu Delta. The Presidential Party Marshalls were Dr. Carolyn Hollman and Mr. J. Desmond Keefe III. Dr. Hollman is the advisor of Alpha Chi and chef Keefe is the advisor for Phi Theta Kappa.

The National Anthem was then played. Father Bruce Collard gave the Invocation, then Dr. Richard Gustafson gave a welcome and then introduced the platform party. Ms. Karen Muncaster provided some additional remarks.

Chef Keefe gave the introduction to Phi Theta Kappa. Dr. Hollman, Professor Christopher Toy and Ms. Kathryn Shubert gave the introduction to Alpha Chi. Then Professor Doug Blais, Ms. Joanne Ronsivalli, Ms. Cheryl Kaza-Tobey and Ms. Cheryl Victor gave the introduction to Delta Mu Delta.

Dr. Francis Doucette then gave the closing remarks. The Benediction was said by Father Bruce Collard.

While the recessional was going on, the audience again had to remain seated. Then after the ceremony, the members and their families and friends were invited to a reception in the Hospitality Building Ballroom given by The Culinary Knowledge Team.

Congratulations to all of the new members of their prestigious Honor Societies. You should all be commended for your academic achievements.

Voices and Faces

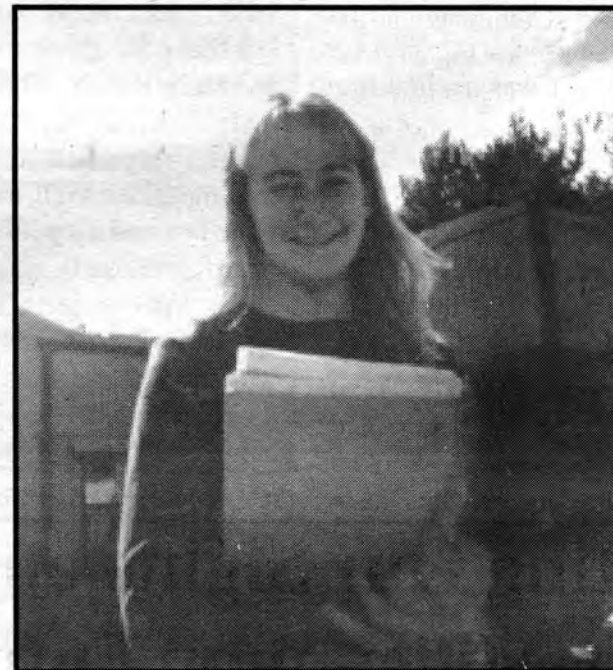
By David Snuffer

What is your favorite April Fool's prank?



Damon Schrotberger
Business Administration Major

"Buying a pack of Exlax and rewrapping in a hersheys chocolate wrapper. Then distributing it to hungry friends."



Christine Mills
Communication Major

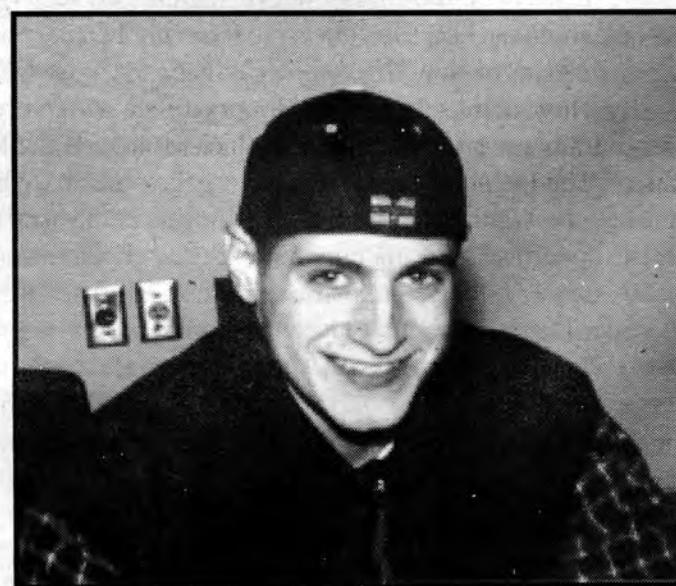
"I pretended to be a girl that liked this guy who couldn't stand her. I told him I was in love with him and he freaked. He didn't know what to say!"



Yianni Foutsitzis
International Business Major

Jr. Linden
Accounting Major

"Fake lottery saying Kristy Woodill won \$10,000."



Blake Coe
Marketing Major

"Put my buddy on a mail order list for coping with Genital Herpes. The information was sent to his house and his parents discovered the packets."

Honors Insert

Dr. Cooper looks back . . . and ahead

By Dr. Julianne Cooper

Just a little over a year ago as I applied for the directorship, I presented the Honors Committee with a set of goals and a vision for the New Hampshire College Honors Program. These ideas came almost exclusively from the members of the Program and were then filtered through my own sense of possibilities. Although there was some consternation and questions about the feasibility of aspects of this vision, the Honors Committee and the NHC Administration gave provisional approval. That vision included both short term and long term goals.

First, short term: the Program needed to be housed in a place of its own, a place where students could congregate to research, study, exchange information, and socialize; a place where the Director would have an office so that there would be faculty available to help sort out both academic and personal ques-

tions, offer direction, and celebrate triumphs with the students; a place where Honors seminars could convene reinforcing the understanding that we are all here to learn. To this end the administration offered to fund and equip Delphi House, the current home of the NHC Honors Program.

Second, in the short term the criteria for membership in the Program needed to be expanded

from grade point average alone, to include character – integrity, honor, civility – as well as service expectations. The Honors students themselves wanted to establish and live up to more rigorous academic challenges, and to hold themselves and each other to a high code of conduct. And they wanted these goals supported. To their credit, the students have embraced this possibility and have nurtured it over the last

months. They have created an Honors Board, made up of students and invited faculty, that is in the process of setting down its charter.

Third, also short term, the student themselves wanted a greater degree of self governance and responsibility. Understanding that responsibility is diligence to the task at hand, negotiating obstacles along the way, and keeping one's eyes on the prize, I, too wanted the students to experience the pride of participating in a successful venture. We know that self-esteem is teleological, it comes not from others not at the beginning, but from within oneself at the end. It is built upon the knowledge that striving for excellence in the day-to-day struggle to complete a task, one has not only lived up to, but has surpassed initial expectations, and has raised the bar for oneself and future contenders. The members of the Honors 201 and Honors 401 courses this year are on their way to pushing beyond the old limits. The two delegations who

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Dr. Cooper reflects from her office in the Delphi House

Setting Our Sights on a Post-Millennium Future

By Jacob Alexander Cohen

The rediscovery of Aristotelian logic by medieval Christians led to the doctrine of a universe *creatio ex nihilo*, Latin for "Creation out of Nothing." Christianity's theological forebears, the ancient Hebrews wandered in the nothingness of the wilderness in search of the Promised Land of milk and honey in the hopes of settling a new community. The shift from nomads lost in the expanse of an empty desert to a settled, civilized community is undoubtedly an example of what we commonly refer to as change.

As we are inexorably drawn toward the new millennium, we should stop and reflect on some positive change at New Hampshire College. I refer to it, as you might have guessed as the "new" Honors Program.

In the beginning the Honors Program was created out of... well, not quite nothing, because there were some intellectual nomads wandering in the sands of New Hampshire College.

Now, thanks to the new Honors director, Dr. Julianne Cooper, the program was promised a plot on which to build its intellectual "city on a hill." The Delphi House is tucked into the pine grove between Stark Hall and the Wellness Center. Sitting slightly off the beaten path, Delphi House operates as a think tank for students to immerse themselves in while attending New Hampshire College. Daily, students gather in the lounge at Delphi to brainstorm on ideas, and share thoughts.

The Honors students wish to express their thanks to the administration and faculty who supported these changes. Especially, for the administration and its dedication to the improvement of moral character on campus.

A new addition to the Honors Program is Academic and Peer Tutoring and Honors Events. These two committees strengthen the Honors Program, while extending its tools to the entire student body. Another program in the making, engineered by Sophomore Ben Peirce, is a Radio station at the college. Combined, these new ideas and current plans for the future have confirmed the Honors Program as a "mover and shaker" on campus.

With the Honors Program boldly planning its own future in a world of change, creating opportunities for students like the model UN, the next five years should shine with light from the beacon of an Honors Program on a hill.

What are we working for: a look at the NHC diploma

By Jen Jaskal

When entering college, many students are unaware of what will be written on the diplomas they will receive. The diploma represents a milestone of achievement in life. Yet, after receiving your diploma from New Hampshire College, many students are disappointed. The diploma indicates only the "Bachelors of Science," or "Bachelors of Art," but not what specific fields such as in Business Administration or History. Also, those students who are

in the Honors Program do not receive special recognition on their diplomas for their hard work. Indeed, a miscarriage of collegiate justice!

There is a group of us that is going to campaign for a change in the appearance of the diploma. If there is anyone who is interested, as he or she should be, in what the diploma conveys with respect to this milestone in life, please contact Jen Jaskal by leaving a message in her mailbox at the Delphi House.

ADOPT - A - BLOCK

Saturday, April 24th

8:00 am - Free Breakfast

9:00 am - Clean-up Begins

Participate in the Adopt-A-Block program. Volunteer to help clean up the campus. All Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt. If you are interested in participating, RSVP Audra or Stacey Shulman at 626-9450.

A place to call home

By Rich Winefield

Over the last couple of years NHC has gradually introduced an aggressive expansion plan calling for new residential and academic facilities to house the growing student population. With new buildings currently being designed, many organizations on campus are attempting to get their input to custom design the new facilities to fit their unique needs.

The 1998-99 Academic year saw the arrival of the Delphi House, a trailer located outside of Stark Hall to house the Honors Program. However, it was understood that this would be temporary housing until new facilities were built.

According to School President Richard Gustafson, the plans call for a new residential hall, additions and renovations to the athletic and student center, and a new academic building. The new academic building is being tailored for the business and the ever-growing liberal arts programs.

President Gustafson went



Honors Program students have found their "place to call home" at the Delphi House.

on to say the immediate need is to supply facilities for classrooms. Since the Honors Program uses classrooms in a similar manner to the rest of the undergraduate program, this would also benefit the Honors Program. The new placement of the support services such as the Honors Program and other organizations

is not currently a pressing need.

This is not to say that it isn't going to be in the school's long-term plan. "I think every organization wants a place to call our own," said Gustafson. However, budget constraints need to be taken into consideration. In the long run the school wants to build facilities to accom-

modate all the programs and organizations on campus. Dr. Julianne Cooper, coordinator of the Honors Program, had voiced her wishes for the permanent allocation of new facilities for the Honors Program. However, there have been no formal discussions on the issue, only conversations.

A glance at Honors 401 Projects

By Ruthie Pistorino

The Honors 401 course is an independent research project developed by senior Honor students under the guidance of a personally selected faculty mentor. Previous projects have arisen from first-hand experience whether from employment, sports and hobbies and in some cases the social/cultural experience of travel. Students should bear in mind that the work for these projects should start in the summer prior to the senior year. This time frame promotes the development of a project that would otherwise fail to meet the academic standing of the Honor Program. The Honors Program expects the projects to be not only a learning experience for the students, but equally an eye opener for New Hampshire College at large.

The Honors Program is proud to identify the honors students of 1999: Mr. Douglas Cyran, Jr., Ms. Michelle Gamage, Ms. Catherine Griswold, Ms. Mary Parent, and Mr. Joshua Matthews. All of these students have worked diligently on their Honors 401 projects, along with the guidance provided by their mentors. Here is a glimpse into

their works in progress.

Mr. Douglas Cyran, Jr. chose Dr. Larry Johnson as a mentor for his topic, which asks, "What You Should Know About Finance?" Mr. Cyran's 401 project will provide college students with vital information on managing personal finance. This project includes an explanation of key economic terms and theories, and a clarification of the common misconceptions of finance, with an emphasis on the stock and bond market. Current events in the market shaped the outcome of Mr. Cyran's paper.

Ms. Michelle Gamage sought out Dr. Martin Bradley as a mentor for her topic concerning "the role of teams in the post-modern organizations of today." Ms. Gamage's 401 project will not only provide readers with the history of modern organizations, but also topics that played an essential role to this history. Ms. Gamage will identify the driving force behind the emergence of post-modern organizations, the differences in structure/design and the role changes of workers between the modern and post-modern organizations, along with the

growing importance of teams rather than departments in the post-modern organizations.

Ms. Catherine Griswold is working with Professor Lynda Gamans Poloian on her, "Just Starting: A three-year Plan for a Bed & Breakfast Inn." Ms. Griswold began her 401 project by developing a survey for existing Bed & Breakfasts in order to assess the likes and dislikes of the industry. From this survey, along with conclusions drawn from personal interviews, Ms. Griswold will produce a three-year business plan for a Bed & Breakfast. This plan focuses on five major topics... financial information, blueprints, menus, a marketing plan, and information about how the business will run.

Ms. Mary Parent enlisted the support of Professor Eleanor Dunfey Frieberger to look at "Poverty and Homelessness." Ms. Parent recently took a trip to South Africa where she had to face the devastation of wide spread poverty, which compelled her to research the prevalence of poverty right here in New Hampshire. The documentary that Ms. Parent is filming will con-

centrate on the New Horizons Shelter in Manchester. Although the film focuses on the difficulty of homelessness, it also seeks to dispel the misconceptions that surround the success or failure of shelters such as New Horizons.

Mr. Joshua Matthews' mentor, Professor Doug Blais is supporting him with the design of a "Sport Management Manual." The completion of Mr. Matthews' Sport Management Manual will provide incoming freshman with a guide to what one needs to know regarding the sports management requirements here at New Hampshire College. Just a few of the topics addressed in this manual include suggested electives and minors for sport management majors, a summary of the sports management courses, networking, internships, and employment opportunities.

Honors 401 projects require an ample amount of time and effort exceeding the norm. These five students should be congratulated and should be proud to be part of Dr. Julianne Cooper's Honors Program. Congratulations on your hard work.

Dr. Cooper looks back . . . and ahead

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will attend the Model United Nations – Afghanistan and Turkey – have not only written their own syllabi, but have extended the class meeting times to accommodate added responsibility. I have become an advisor they call on when they need something facilitated. The proof will come at the end of March in New York.

Fourth, in the near future, I see the Honors Program calling on faculty to bring their expertise together in the development of the new interdisciplinary Honors courses that will allow the students to expand their problem-solving ability while raising expectations of student commitment.

Finally, in the long term, as we achieve each milestone, the Honors Program will become a yardstick by which NHC and other schools in New Hampshire, and even in New England, measure the success of their students along the road to excellence. Usually when we think of having a “vision” of what an organization might aspire to be, we assume the director/leader will be responsible to see to it that the goals are achieved. Well, here we are more than halfway into the first full year of my directorship, and things are not at all like I thought they would be. They are better. And, I would like to thank those students in the New Hampshire College Honors Programs who have taken bits and pieces of my vision, added their own aspirations and made so much happen.

Let us begin with seniors Mary Parent and Douglas Cyran. Ms. Parent serves on both the Hon-

ors Committee and the Honors Board along with membership on the Recruitment and Presentation Committee. As you may already know, she is also an NHC Ambassador. This is in addition to her Honors 401 video project on the homeless here in Manchester. Mr. Cyran took over as chair of the Honors Board and is responsible for organizing the process of “inventing” the entity. The members of that committee have been most scrupulous in their work.

Two juniors stand out immediately – Audra and Stacey Shulman. They have been tireless in their pursuit of volunteers for a myriad of projects as well as beginning their work on their Honors 401 project as they look to early graduation. But, they are by no means the only juniors who have done extra duty. Marisa Kelly is a member of the Honors Board; Kimberly Demers, a member of the Facilities Committee, opens and closes the Delphi House many mornings and evenings; Kellie Patane serves on the Honors Committee; Najla Rabee, taking leadership positions in several projects, has been an exemplar

to many of the younger students.

The sophomore class has already started to make its mark. Sabina Mullin virtually single-handedly rounded up a Facilities Committee and has them scheduled so you have access to you facility five days a week until 10:00 at night. She also cleans between scheduled cleanings if need be, stops in over week-ends and vacations to make sure all is well, and reminds those who would forget the rules. Rules, which by the way, the Facilities Committee posted days after we moved into Delphi House. Benjamin Peirce started the campaign for the NHC Radio; Mr. Peirce and Ryan Eberman co-chair the Newsletter Committee and hassle everyone for articles; Jacob Cohen, Richard Winefield, and Ruth Pistorino are newsletter writers who write and rewrite to make sure material is up to Honors standards. Kristina Kintzer chairs the Recruitment and Presentation Committee and is always responsive to new applicants. We have three who were accepted mid-year: Gail Rabuya, Lisa Crawshaw, and Matthew

Larochelle.

Some of the freshmen have jumped right into the Program. John Justin Bates is the freshman representative on the Honors Committee, while Matthew Thaisz represents the freshman class on the Honors Board. Aaron Heyer chairs the Activities Committee who sponsored the Honors Program Christmas party.

So whose vision is it? It began with the students; it has been fostered and nurtured by the students, and the future of the Program is in the hands of the students. If they continue to raise the expectations of both themselves and those around them, faculty and administration as well as other students, they will be able to look back on their participation this last year with great pride. They are already talking of themselves as the founders of the “new” NHC Honors Program. They have taken ownership. The rest of us can only stand back and watch a group of outstanding students at work. I salute you! And I am sure the rest of the NHC family feels much the same way.



Progress report: Radio NHC

By Ben Peirce

Ok, so you’ve seen the flyers around campus. You read the article in the Observer. Maybe you even attended one of the meetings. But still the big question remains on the minds of students and faculty: “Is radio at New Hampshire College more than just a pipe dream?” Well since the first article on the radio ran in the December 15th issue of the Observer, students have taken great steps to ensure that the dream of radio at NHC becomes a reality.

They’re calling it Radio NHC, the name given to the, as-yet nonexistent, station by its recent founders. Students who met for the first time on February 9th faced the

daunting task of establishing Radio NHC as a club and working out a budget before February 26th. This meant gaining the approval of the Office of Student Organizations and Leadership as well as SGA in a very short time. SGA met on February 26th to approve the budgets of clubs and organizations for the 1999-2000 academic year. And missing the February 26th deadline would have meant losing a year of progress. This task may seem overwhelming but it didn’t phase the students trying to make it happen. Over the span of one week, Radio NHC was able to gain the necessary recognition and submit its budget. Despite the progress, many tasks still lie ahead. Jen Forrester, a board member of Radio NHC, says, “There’s a lot of work to be done, but now we know

the interest is there and the students who are working on this are very committed.”

So just how many committed students are we talking about? Well, for the first meeting on February 9th over twenty students came to lend their support. Since then that group has not rested.

In their short time working together, the Radio NHC staff has already made serious progress. Radio NHC will be an entirely internet-based radio station. It would be one of only a handful of colleges that broadcast their signal exclusively over the World Wide Web. A board of six students was appointed to direct the group and focus its organizational goals. Radio NHC has also traveled to Babson College to observe their internet radio station,

which was started last year.

The students who are behind Radio NHC have shown that they are not only committed but also, well positioned to bring college radio to New Hampshire College. They meet every Tuesday at 6:00 in Stark 4. All students are welcome, even encouraged, to attend. The students of Radio NHC certainly have their work cut for them, but they hope to have the station up and running by the beginning of next year. And from what they’ve done so far it won’t be long before Radio NHC moves out of the realm of fiction and into the history books of New Hampshire College.

For more information about Radio NHC Call Ben Peirce at 626-9426, or e-mail: benpeirce@hotmail.com

Committee Updates

Facility Committee

By Sabina Mullin

The Facility Committee is very proud of the Delphi House. It houses the Honors Program Director's office and a small seminar room for honors classes. Inside our intellectual oasis, besides the office and seminar room, is a small lounge and workroom open to all the honors program participants. There is also a TV, VCR, and Laser Disc player for the classroom, which doubles as our small library. The Delphi House also has a copier, fax machine, water cooler, small refrigerator and stereo. Dr. Cooper has graciously lent us her many classical CD's to use. Posted on the door is a schedule of times the facility is open. Stop by Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The facility committee will consider any suggestions from the students in the Honors Program.

Academic Peer Tutoring

By Jen Jaskal

There are only a few members in this committee and we are always happy to have new ones. If there is anyone interested in helping other students with their studies, please notify me. Also, if there is anyone who needs help in any courses, please notify me. I have a mailbox in the Delphi House, so please leave me a message there. We want to build a strong base so that next year we can hit the ground tutoring.

Honors Activities

By Aaron Heyer and Ben Christensen

The Activities Committee held a Christmas party, for the Honors students and their friends in December. We are now planning a Karaoke contest for the entire school. A meeting will be held in a few weeks to discuss this and other options for us to pursue.

Honors Board

By Doug Cyran

Despite our somewhat slow beginning in the fall semester of 1998, the Honors Board has begun to make major progress in developing policies and procedures for reviewing student cases. The current members of the Honors Board are Douglas Cyran, Mary Parent, Marisa Kelly, Kristina Kintzer and Matthew Thaisz. Bob Begiebing has accepted his position as a faculty advisor and a second faculty member will be added. We have just completed our Constitution and we will be ready to review cases in the upcoming weeks. I have been proud of the way that our group has worked together and pleasantly surprised at how much we have been able to accomplish.

Presentation and Recruitment

By Kristina Kintzer

Over the last semester, The Recruitment and Presentation Committee reviewed applications and made recommendations to the Honors Committee regarding new members of the Program. As a result, we have three new members of the Honors Program for the spring 1999 semester. They are Gail Rabuya, Lisa Crawshaw, and Matthew Larochelle.

In addition, the Committee manned an Honors table at the last NHC Open House where members answered questions from the students and parents. On the table we displayed textbooks from the Honors FEX class as well as from the Honors 201 course. We also debuted the new Honors brochures, along with the most recent Observer article and Honors 401 projects from recent Honors graduates.

Our goal for the spring semester is to review applications from current NHC students interested in the Program and to recruit freshmen for the incoming 1999-2000 class.

Honors Events

By Gail Brooks

On April 9, 1999, the Honors Program will hold its annual colloquium. Presentation will be chosen from students who are currently in Honors 201 or Honors 401.

Hospitality

By Matthew Thaisz

The Hospitality Committee of the Honors Program is designed for the purpose of entertaining guests of the Honors Program. The committee, consisting of four members and one chair, meets to brainstorm and develop ideas on how to give guests a good impression of the program, introduce the members of the program and tell what the program consists of. Such ideas include having a table for the Honors Program at open houses, having a special accepted students day for prospective members of the Honors Program, and offering tours to interested high school students by members of the Hospitality Committee.

Upcoming Honors Events

Thursday April 22nd, 12:30pm - AV Studio

Friday, April 9th, Honors Colloquium Dinner
6:00pm - Hospitality Ballroom

** All Honors Program Members must attend these meetings **

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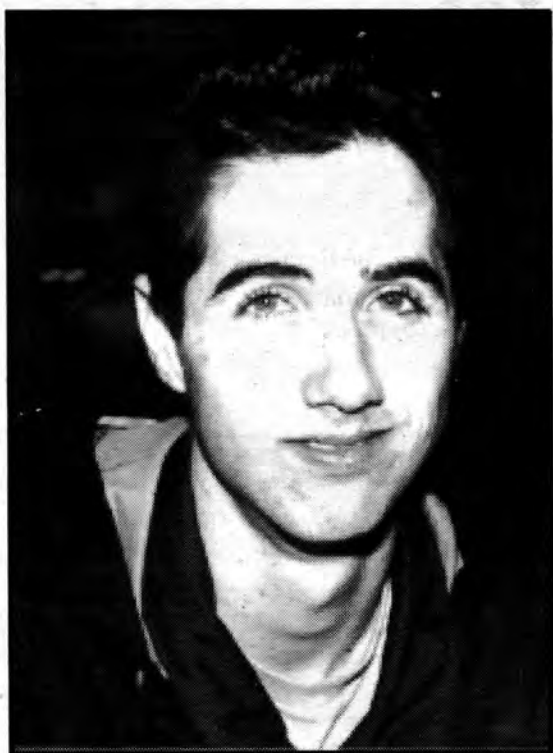
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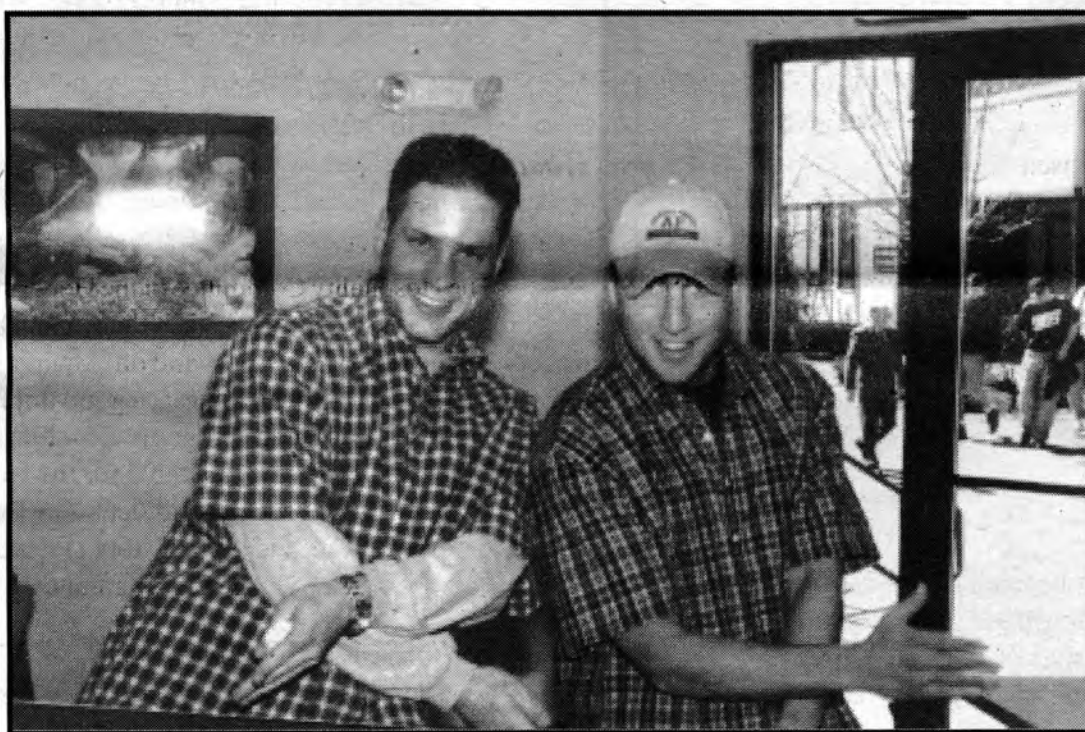
"I would replace someone's milk with an old sour one and when they aren't looking, before s/he eats thier food."



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"Refilling all the soda machines with beer."



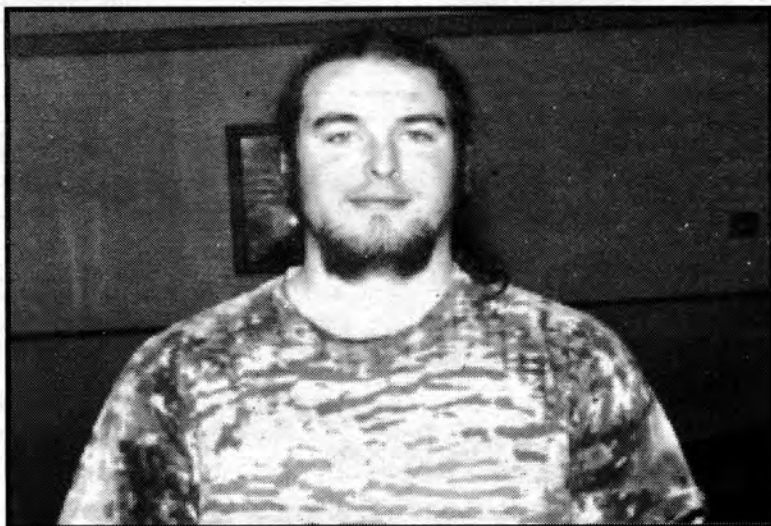
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"Changing roommates (Nelson) breakfast hard-boiled eggs with regular eggs, so when he goes to crack it open, the yolk is on him."



Devlin Cotter

Sports Management Major

"Tell a girl that your friend's father was a star soccer player and have her go ask about it. When she asks simply say 'how can you say something like that? He has no legs.'"



Michael Kaskiewicz

Sport Management Major

"We super glued all of my homeroom teacher's furniture to his ceiling."

Entertainment

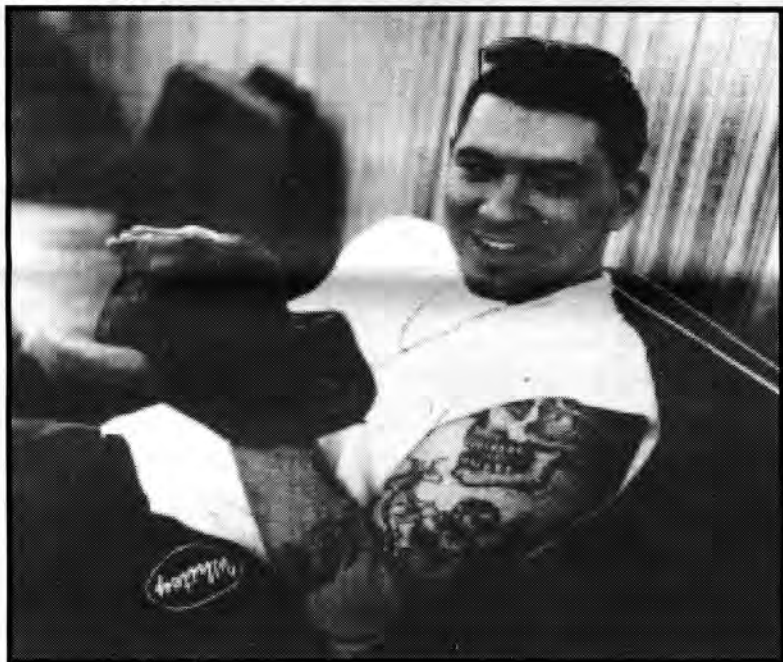
Everlast to play at NHC

By Andrew Cummings

All the rumors of what bands were going to play here can cease. On April 9, 1999 CAPE will proudly present Everlast at the NHC field house. Best known for his recent top 10 hit, "What it's Like," Everlast brings his set from his newest solo album, Whitey Ford Sings the Blues, and from his older days as the front man of the rap act House of Pain. During the mid-ninety's, the highly respected House

of Pain produced such chart toppers as the Irish-anthem, "Jump Around," "On Point" and "Choose your Poison." Since going solo just three years ago, his debut album is already over the platinum status and still going strong.

Tickets are still available for the show and students can pick them up in the info booth; and with your student I.D., the ticket price is just \$12.50.



Everlast plays here, at NHC, on April 9.

Frank Santos Returns

By Ben DeGennaro

Frank Santos, the "R" rated hypnotist, amazed students in the small gym on March 16 at 8pm. Students dared each other to be one of the 15 hypnotized people. Many were nervous because they'd love to see other people made fools of, but didn't want to be fools themselves! It took a few minutes, but Santos got a few volunteers, and after giving them a quick "screen test," he found 14 students who could be hypnotized.

He quickly had the group hypnotized and began making the audience laugh. Santos had the hypnotized students act drunk and made their arms and bodies stick to chairs.

Some girls believed they were the Spice Girls and the Power Rangers. They showed off their best moves and entertained the audience for almost two hours.

For those of you who might have missed Frank Santos, he was excellent and we recommend seeing him when he performs again. Santos performs at many colleges across the country; he also has a weekly show in Boston at Fanueil Hall near the Comedy Connection East. Check out his website at www.franksantos.com. It was a great show and we'd love to have him return next year!

Movie Reviews:

Rage is a rip roaring hit

By Melissa Cowdrey

The Rage is a sequel to Stephen King's prom thriller, *Carrie*. In *The Rage: Carrie 2*, Rachel, played by Emily Bergl in her debut movie, was not like the other teens at school. She wasn't in a clique, wore different clothes and wasn't popular.

With the help of Sue Snell, a secretary at the high school, Rachel discovered that she had telekinesis. Amy Irving, who was in the first *Carrie* movie, plays Sue Snell. Rachel can move things with her mind when she is either scared or angry.

Rachel was adopted at a young age because her mother was brought to a mental hospital. When Ms. Snell begins to worry about

Rachel and her talent, she goes to visit her mother in the hospital. Rachel's mother tells Ms. Snell that Rachel is Carrie White's sister (Carrie being the main character in the first movie).

Rachel starts to find trust in a new friend named Jessie. Jason London, twin brother of *Party of Five* star Jeremy London, plays Jessie. While she starts to trust him and other new 'friends' an awful trick is being set behind her back that could be fatal.

If you enjoy a thriller, and liked the first *Carrie*, this is a great movie to check out. Wouldn't you like to know what happens at the end?

"Forces" flops

By Michael Lascelles

As a dedicated Sandra Bullock fan I loyally went to see "Forces of Nature" on opening night. And as a dedicated fan I fought to keep my eyes open and my feet from walking out of the theater.

Sandra Bullock stars as a woman named Sarah and Ben Affleck as Ben Holms, two strangers trying to get from New York to Savannah. Sarah is going to Savannah to see her 10-year-old son who she had abandoned. She also intends to sell a bagel shop she owns and give her son the \$25,000. Ben is going to his wedding; he is marrying his fiancé Bridget played by Maura Tierney. He is extremely nervous and an unnecessarily large portion of the film is about couples commenting on how much of a disaster marriage is. He seems to ask everyone he meets about the topic and

it gets monotonous. Ben and Sarah travel mostly by luck, down to Savannah with Ben experiencing new and wild things out of his normally bland routine.

The movie does nothing to draw the viewer in. Its lack of plot and seemingly pointless events bored me. Things just seemed to happen for no reason and then the movie just sort of ended. At the ending, they tried to make some big philosophical conclusion with Ben narrating. This attempt flopped, however, due to the lack of plot earlier in the film. The only thing that could have saved this film would have been the combined star power of Affleck and Bullock. However, Bullock's overdone eye shadow and strange character personality couldn't save this one. I'm giving this film a 0.

Italian cuisine

By John Wingate

Although we live thousands of miles from Italy, we can still get great Italian food right here in Manchester. This week, I sampled two of the Italian restaurants in the area. I ordered similar dishes at each restaurant so that I could compare the food quality.

First, I went to Bertucci's in the Mall of New Hampshire. When I entered, I was seated immediately. It had a very casual atmosphere and Frank Sinatra music was playing softly in the background. The server came and brought a menu, which listed a variety of choices such as pizza with almost any topping from sausage to roasted garlic, soups and sandwiches. No ordinary American food, such as steak or hamburgers, could be found on the menu. There were a good variety of appetizers and salads. The meals ranged in price from \$6.50 to \$14.95. I selected the rigatoni with tomato sauce for \$7.25, which included bread but no salad. The meal was quickly delivered piping hot to the table. It was very enjoyable and the serving was so generous that I had to get a doggie bag for the leftovers. Bertucci's is open daily for lunch and dinner. There is a separate luncheon menu that is served from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM daily. Being located in the mall makes it very convenient for shopping.

I also dined at Bernardo's Bistro, which is located in Manches-

ter across the street from the Mall of New Hampshire. Bernardo's advertises that it has casual dining, but it did not appear to be as casual as Bertucci's. Upon arriving, I was seated immediately and the server brought the menu. The restaurant was dimly lit and seemed quieter than Bertucci's. There was Italian music playing in the background. The menu had more of a variety than that of Bertucci's. In addition to the Italian dishes, there were numerous seafood and beef dishes. There were several appetizers and salads from which to select. The meals ranged in price from \$6.95 to \$14.95. I selected the Pasta Marinara for \$6.95. Bread accompanied the entrée and a salad could be ordered for an additional \$1.95. The meal was excellent. I learned later that they make their own pasta and it was very fresh. Bernardo's Bistro is open 4:00pm to 9:00pm daily, except Saturday when it is open until 10:00pm.

I really enjoyed both of the meals, but I would have to say that the food at Bernardo's was better. The pasta was fresher and the sauce was thicker. The prices at both restaurants were about the same. The atmosphere at Bertucci's was more upbeat than that of Bernardo's and I found it more enjoyable. The service at both restaurants was great. If a person wants a good Italian meal for a reasonable price, I would recommend either Bertucci's or Bernardo's Bistro.

XTC is back!

By Katy Faria

XTC is back!? Who is XTC, you ask? What do they sound like? I am sure most of you are unfamiliar with this great band who has been around for over 20 years. If you like the sounds of Paul McCartney, Ray Davies of The Kinks, Brian Wilson of The Beach Boys and even Led Zeppelin, the odds are high that you will like the sound of XTC.

XTC hit the London music scene in 1977 in the peak of the punk explosion. Quickly this band became known as one of the most popular British cult bands. In the mid-eighties, it went underground and released a few albums under the alias Dukes of Stratosphere. Since then, XTC has released many hits in America such as "Dear God," which is covered by Sarah McLachlan on the XTC tribute album and "The Mayor of Simpleton."

Andy Partridge and Colin Moulding, the two of the former three members (Dave Gregory left

after 18 years of service), released Apple Venus Vol. 1 (Idea/TVT in the U.S. and Cooking Vinyl in the U.K.). It came out late last month after being on a strike from their previous label, Virgin records (Geffen in the states). This is the band's first album since the strike started, seven years ago.

I urge you to go and get a hold of this album. This CD, filled with incredible guitar hooks, amazing harmonies, and brilliant lyrics, will make XTC fans ecstatic. If you like what you hear, check out XTC's last three albums: Skylarking, Oranges and Lemons and Nonsuch. Also, Apple Venus Volume 2 will be released in late 1999. Volume 2 promises more guitar-heavy songs as opposed to Volume 1's orchestral pop. You, too, will probably become one of those ecstatic fans.

Visit www.chalkhills.org to learn more about the band or download some sounds. I can help, too. Contact me if you want to listen to my copy. Let me know if you are interested. Tell me if you are already

an XTC fan. I am curious to see if XTC catches on with college students in addition to its usual plethora of middle-aged fans.

Students at Virginia school want Pagan club

College Press Exchange

Carol Kinsley wants a safe place on campus to talk about her religion, just like the Christian clubs meet for Bible study and prayer at Christopher Newport University.

It shouldn't matter that Kinsley practices a Pagan religion called Wicca, says the 18-year-old freshman, a self-described witch. Kinsley is one of about a dozen CNU students struggling to start a club called the Organization of Earth-Based Religions.

Finding a faculty sponsor, one of the requirements of being an officially recognized club at CNU, has been a problem, Carol says. Wicca is a nature religion that involves magic and celebrates seasonal and life cycles.

"This school, like many colleges in Virginia, is very Christian," says Carol, the club's president. "The rest of us who aren't Christian feel like it's not fair that people consider our religion bad or evil. People don't have to be afraid of us."

Kinsley says club members have approached about five faculty members including professors of philosophy, religion, foreign language and sociology, along with the school's campus minister since September, asking them to sponsor the club.

Virginia Eveland, the group's president last semester, initiated most of the requests.

"Some of them denied us up front, saying they had religious reasons, which is reasonable," said Eveland. "With the rest, there's been a general pattern. At first, they say yes and are excited to help. Then, the next day, they get a little more hesitant when I ask them to firm up their commitment."

Eveland said she is not sure why it is so hard to find a sponsor.

"This is a much more conservative part of Virginia than where I come from," says Eveland, a freshman from Northern Virginia. "I want to correct some of the misconceptions that are out there. We don't do the whole Satan thing, because we don't believe in that. People have no reason to believe, Oh my God,

they are going to go sacrifice a goat."

The purpose of the club is not to practice Pagan rituals, but to have a forum on campus for discussions about environmental awareness and Earth-based religions such as Wicca, Shamanism, Druidism, and Native American spirituality, Kinsley says. Christians, atheists and agnostics also would be welcome at the talks, she says. The group was allowed to meet on campus for a trial period last semester, but that has now expired because the club failed to find a sponsor.

Kinsley says the club has met all other requirements for recognition by the Student Government Association including having bylaws, a constitution, and at least 10 members. She keeps a notebook of all the club's records and has contacted leaders of Pagan groups from other colleges through e-mail. A member of the Pagan Student Administration at the University of Southern Maine even wrote a letter to CNU President Paul Tribble encouraging him to support the club.

Maury O'Connell, dean of students at CNU, said he knew about the Organization of Earth-Based Religions but didn't know the group was having trouble finding a sponsor. He said his office helps student clubs find faculty sponsors.

"We like our students to have their own groups," said O'Connell, who had seen announcements about the Pagan club's meeting on the school's Internet site. "I thought that things were going along fine with them."

Although the most outspoken members of the club are freshman, they say their interest in Earth-based religions is not a passing fad.

Kinsley, who wears a pentagram necklace, says she started seriously practicing the Wiccan religion about three years ago, after a friend offered her a book about it. The pentagram symbolizes the five elements of life spirit, earth, water, air and fire, Kinsley said.

"My parents never pressed any religion on me," says Kinsley, who calls Norfolk home. "But I was always into the spiritual side of life."

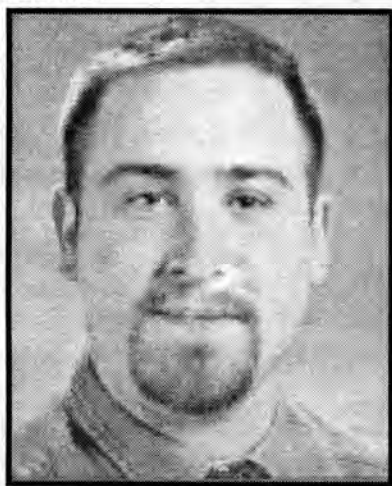
Eveland says that from an early age she accepted the idea that there are many different paths to God.

"When I was a kid, I remember having a conversation with my parents. On TV, I saw the wars going on in the Middle East. I said, 'Why are they fighting? They all believe in the same God?'"

She hopes the students and faculty at CNU will have the same respect for religious diversity.

"If we all view life differently, how can we all believe in the same religion?" she asks.

Steven Gionet, 1998 NHC Graduate, 25, of Manchester, NH, died on February 26, 1999. Steve was a great student and math tutor during his years at New Hampshire College who was a tutor at the Learning Center at NHC. After graduation he continued to tutor students. He obtained Master Tutor status and excelled with helping and teaching students from all over. Steve was rewarded Outstanding Student assistant award, "Tutor of the Year," his last year at NHC; he was also involved in the Partnership Program. This program reached out to local high school students. These were mostly students who were not planning on going to college. He will be remembered as a hardworking and determined student teacher at surrounding Manchester high schools. The staff of The Observer would like to dedicate this issue to the memory of Steve for his involvement with the Learning Center and for his hard work and dedication to NHC and its students.



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gionet:

On behalf of New Hampshire College I would like to express our deep sadness at the loss of your son, Steve. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.

As I mentioned the other night at the visiting hours, Steve was more than a typical student at the college. As I am sure you will hear from members of the Learning Center staff, Steve affected the lives and futures of countless students at the college. Mathematics is a challenging subject for many students, and Steve was instrumental in helping students succeed in courses that could very well have been a major barrier for them. As a result he was named as the Outstanding Tutor for the 1997-98 academic year.

As a student he was totally committed to becoming a mathematics teacher. I don't think there are many other students who saw so clearly and worked so tirelessly toward a career goal. When I finally saw Steve as a student teacher at Central High School a year ago, I knew he had made the right decision. The fact that Central High School hired him as the permanent substitute when his supervising teacher went on leave is clear evidence of his skill. This fact is seconded when Goffstown hired him for a full-time position after only a few months experience as permanent substitute in their system.

Although nothing at this point can be much consolation for the loss you must feel, we can at least be thankful that he had the opportunity to be hired and begin his career. He had the opportunity to know that others recognized and respected his talent and commitment. Only a few weeks ago he called to let me know that he was excited and pleased with what was happening in his geometry classes at Goffstown High School. He was optimistic about his work there and filled with ideas about what he could do to build the courses and make them even better. His sensitivity and gentleness would inevitably have made those ideas successful.

You both should be comforted by the fact that you helped bring to our time someone who in his tragically short life here did make a difference in many people's lives. For so many of us at the college, Steve was more than a student, but a friend and a colleague. We will always remember and miss him.

Sincerely,

Chris Toy
Chair, Division of Liberal Arts
Professor of Mathematics

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By Ben DeGennaro

Greetings and welcome back from Spring Break! I hope your break was enjoyable. I am sure many students on campus read some form of magazine including Time, People, GQ, Runner's World, Cosmopolitan, PCWorld, PCComputing, Seventeen, Men's Health, Rolling Stone, Sports Illustrated, National Geographic, Esquire, Glamour or Soap Opera Digest.

Well, instead of buying one of them every week or month, check them out online. Most magazines will publish many of their articles on the World Wide Web. I have compiled a list of web sites that post articles from magazines read by students on and off campus. However, if your favorite magazine is not here, check out to see if the magazine, or its publisher, has a web site. Try entering www.name-of-magazine.com into a web browser, such as Netscape Communicator or Internet Explorer.

For Time magazine, check out www.time.com. Time Online allows searching of previous issues, along with fantastic pictures for which Time is so famous. People Magazine, a widely read publication on campus, features celebrities and their Hollywood blunders, relationships, and triumphs. Check out People Magazine online at www.people.com.

Gentleman's Quarterly, a.k.a. GQ, is read by a lot of students on campus as well as People Magazine. GQ has its own home on the world-wide-web at www.gq.com. For those who don't read GQ, check out Cosmopolitan online. Take many of the surveys and read many of the articles online at www.cosmopolitan.com.

Men's Health is also online, www.menshealth.com, along with Rolling Stone, www.rollingstone.com. So, too, are Esquire, www.esquire2b.com, Runner's World, www.runnersworld.com, Glamour, www.glamour.com, and Seventeen, www.seventeen.com. Sports Illustrated, www.sportsillustrated.com is also a widely visited site (I had a hard time getting into it as I was writing this article).

For those of you interested in technology, check out PCComputing online, www.pccomputing.com, and PCWorld, www.pcworld.com. These magazines post feature articles on their web site along with articles that aren't featured in the newsstand magazine. Many of these technology-based magazines also offer free downloads of software reviewed in their magazine.

As a side note, I wanted to share with you some recent news in the computer industry having to do with Microsoft. Last week, Microsoft released Internet Explorer 5.0, the newest version of their popular web browser. If you are interested in downloading this new web browser, check out Browsers.com at www.browsers.com or Microsoft at www.microsoft.com. The other piece of news is that the "Microsoft versus the Department of Justice" anti-trust lawsuit may be coming to an end. Microsoft has begun settlement talks with the Department of Justice, which may involve Microsoft breaking up into several different companies dealing separately with operating systems, programming languages and application divisions.

As usual, I urge you to visit my web site at <http://degennaro.freesevers.com>. I am trying to update the site and post some additional information. Please send me an email at bendegennaro@hotmail.com with some ideas or stuff you want to see on the page or in my articles. Have fun surfing!

Human Rights Organization News:

By Kimika Embree

We are a dedicated organization focusing on informing the public of issues that affect human rights globally. Not only are we exposing people to new problems, but we are also continuing coverage of old conflicts. The Human Rights Organization meets every Thursday at 5:00pm in the cafeteria for dinner and discussions. All students are invited to join, or attend a meeting and become informed.

On April 6th and 7th, we will be holding a Free Tibet Campaign in the cafeteria from 11:00am to 2:00pm. The campaign will be focused on a movie, a leaflet and possibly pins. We would like to reiterate that we are simply informing NHC students and faculty, and by no means are we trying to force upon either group an opinion. We only take stands on which issues to inform the public about. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions please call Najla (president) at X 9437.

Who says you need age and experience to start a business?

College Press Exchange

Many college students are discovering they don't have to wait until they've got a degree in hand to start making the bucks.

Take Emily Bergson-Schilcock, a junior at Beaver College in Glenside, Pa., for example. After graduation from high school early, she opened a small retail store in her hometown that she stocked with products designed to help elderly and handicapped people accomplish everyday tasks.

"I wanted to take some time off before going to college," she said. "I wanted to combine my community experience with my love for business. I came up with a service-oriented business that would give back to my community, not just make money."

Four years later, Bergson-Schilcock has redirected her business' focus toward support services. She no longer runs a store, preferring instead to visit her clients in their homes, installing and demonstrating the products she has ordered for them.

Bergson-Schilcock said she might eventually give up her business to pursue a career in psychology, but will make sure her service is preserved before she does.

"I am considering turning my business into a non-profit organization," she said. "That way it would be more conducive to remaining a service oriented business."

As amazing as her story sounds, Bergson-Schilcock is among a number of young entrepreneurs who have jumped into the business world while attending col-

lege—or, to the dismay of many educators, are skipping formal education to pull home steady pay. According to the Current Population Survey, in 1997, 482,359, or 4.2 percent, of self-employed workers in the U.S. were under the age of 25. That figure jumped to more than 1.9 million, or 17.1 percent, of the self-employed workforce among people 25-34.

In his latest book, *Upstart Start-Ups!*, journalist Ron Lieber interviewed 34 entrepreneurs under the age of 30 who were filled with advice for young people wanting to start their own businesses. Lieber and many of his subjects agree that rapidly growing access to technology and a boon in start-up funds raised from initial public offerings, venture capital funds, private investors and even credit cards have made it simpler than ever to get started.

"The stock market is bigger than ever, and more and more people are chasing Microsoft-type returns," Lieber said. "If you've got a great idea, especially if it's computer (related) there are people out there who will help you get started."

Using credit cards to get start-up cash fast is risky and should be done only as a last resort, Lieber said.

"A lot of people get 15 cards and take out the maximum cash advance on every single one of them," he said. "The interest rate is high, so they consolidate all of the accounts and transfer them to another at a lower interest rate. They do that every six months, continually consolidating at lower rates."

"Taking on the game is extremely high-risk," Lieber added. "If you go out of biz you are screwed. It's only worth considering if there's

no other way to get your business started."

Even with cash in hand, no new company will ever get off the ground if it isn't based on an awfully good idea, Lieber said.

"You have to think about the market you know best, and the one you know best is filled with people just like you," he said. "Think of products and services you most appreciate, and think about the trends you see."

Reg Mathelier and Dan Hermann still can't believe they didn't think of their laundry business, *LazyBones*, until they had just graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. The duo hated doing laundry in college so much that they paid a friend to do it for them.

"We figured there had to be students out there who were like us, who would pay to have their laundry done for them," Mathelier said.

They were right, and in 1993 *LazyBones* was born. Six years later, Mathelier and Hermann are talking about expanding the business to campuses around the country.

So far, they've considered Ohio State and Syracuse universities and the University of Michigan as possible expansion sites.

Businesses don't have to be service-oriented, of course. Dave Kappell has made handsome sums from his *Magnetic Poetry*, which does little more than make people think hard and smile.

"I was a songwriter in college," said Kappell. "To come up with new lyrics, I would cut out words and rearrange them."

Tired of putting away his words at the end of a day, Kappell thought of gluing them to magnets and sticking them to cookie sheets. He knew he had developed a hot and highly marketable product when his friends started requesting kits from him.

Five years later, his company has grown. *Magnetic Poetry* is moving into a larger office for the third time in almost as many years.

"The whole idea is to do something that everyone else isn't doing," Kappell said. "Put your own spin on it."

Ryan Williamson, a junior at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, said he's trying to do just that. The spin Williamson puts on his *Polar-Fleece* clothing design company, *Mouse Works*, is that his products are environment friendly. He offers overalls and more than 30 styles of hats.

"All my fabrics are remnants from a local slipper manufacturer," he said, adding that he gets cloth from the ends of fabric bolts and trash bins at local cloth factory. "I save all my fabric, even the tiny pieces. When I get a large pile that I can't seem to

use for anything else, I make a pillow and use it as stuffing."

Williamson said running a business while going to school full-time is filled with pressure and sacrifice because the demand for his goods is sometimes overwhelming. He said he filled orders two years ago of more than 1,400 hats while also having to manage a full course load.

"It's kind of stressful when the college bookstore calls me up and tells me they need 36 hats by next week and I have term paper to do," he said. "I don't even have a bed, and I sleep on the floor because my material and sewing equipment take up a lot of the room."

But the hard work has paid off in a variety of ways. Williamson's hats have been worn all over the world, from a trek to Antarctica to a performance by a Russian clown in front of Mikhail Gorbachev.

Another interesting note about success: It doesn't require a business-school degree, many young entrepreneurs insist.

"I've learned such a phenomenal amount by doing this on my own that I couldn't imagine going to school for business," Bergson-Schilcock said.

Only three of the 34 young entrepreneurs featured in Lieber's book have MBA's.

"You can make a good case for the fact that there's no time like the present to get your business started," Lieber said. "After all, if you have a great idea, someone will beat you to it in the two or three years you spend in business school."

Pursuing an MBA is an especially good idea for people who know they want to be entrepreneurs but aren't sure what sort of company they'd like to create, Lieber said.

"But the best reason to go to business school is not because of the things you learn there," he added. "It's the people you meet and the connections you make."

Consider that really smart classmates who will go on to do incredible things, the professors who are well connected and the alum in important jobs. Those connections are worth exponentially more than the tuition you would pay."

Williamson said he soon discovered that networking and establishing contact was the most important aspect of running his business.

"Because of networking, my hats are now sold in 22 stores along the East Coast from Maine to Georgia," he said.

But is he planning to go to business school to enhance his client base?

"Nope," he said. "I don't need that. I've got too much other work to do."

Major League Baseball Preview

By Andrew Cummings and
Pat Rogers

1998 brought us one of the greatest baseball seasons in recent memory. McGwire and Sosa chasing Maris, David Wells achieving perfection for a day with the Iron Man taking a well deserved breather. The Rocket took home a record fifth Cy Young and a Texan rookie sat down twenty for only the second time in history. And last year just set the table for this year's season. Here's a good idea of how the divisions will break down in order of predicted finishing.

The American League

The American League East could prove to be the most exciting division to follow this season. The **Baltimore Orioles** made great strides this off-season signing all-stars Albert Belle, Will Clark and Charles Johnson to add to an already potent line-up which includes Cal Ripken, Brady Anderson and B.J. Surhoff. Its pitching staff was a little uphauled with the addition of proven reliever Mike Timlin, but losing fireballer Armando Benitez and Arthur Rhodes. The retirement of veteran Jimmy Key has left a void in a once complete rotation which still includes Mike Mussina, Scott Erickson and Juan Guzman.

The **New York Yankees** had little to revise coming off the most winning season in MLB history. The blockbuster trade of clubhouse favorite David Wells, reliever Grahme Lloyd and talented prospect Homer Bush to Toronto for 5-time Cy Young award winner Roger Clemens adds a solidified number of players to an already solid staff which includes David Cone, Andy Pettite, Orlando Hernandez, Hideki Arabu. The Yankees left nothing up to chance by resigning batting title winner Bernie Williams and World Series MVP Scott Brosius to multi-year contracts, keeping together the solid lineup which includes Paul

O'Neil, Derek Jeter, Chuck Knobloch, and Tino Martinez.

The **Boston Red Sox** have there work cut out for them if the club wants to win its second consecutive wild card. Mo Vaughn split town heading for Anaheim and took his .330 plus batting average and forty plus homeruns with him. Nomar Garciaparra will have to pick up some of the slack and with contributions from John Valentin, Troy O'Leary, Mike Stanley and newcomer Jose Offerman the Sox could field a well-balanced and dangerous lineup. Pedro Martinez heads an under rated staff which includes new acquisition and Pedro's brother Ramon Martinez. Bret Saberhagen, Tim Wakefield and Rookie sensation Brian Rose round out the starting five. Closer Tom Gordon returns from his all-star season to lead the bullpen.

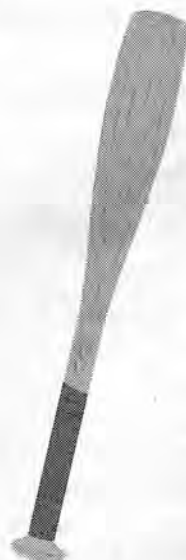
The **Toronto Blue Jays** sport a young and very competitive team. Carlos Delgado and Shawn Green will fill the heart of the batting order and with the departure of Jose Canseco, Jose Cruz Jr. and Shannon Stewart will have to step up and fill the void. Veteran David Wells will headline a pitching staff which has former Cy Young winner Pat Hentgen and steadies Cris Carpenter and Joey Hamilton.

The **Tampa Bay Devil Rays** added a little punch this off-season and hope to move out of the cellar where it spent most of last year. Jose Canseco will move into the third hole in the batting order and will be protected by Fred McGriff and Paul Sorrento. The pitching staff will hold its own with Wilson Alvarez and Rolando Arrojo serving as the aces. Roberto Hernandez, who many pitching coaches around the league say has some of the nastiest stuff in the majors should regain the status as one of the best closures in the game if they can stay in close games down the stretch.

The Orioles seem like it has

made the moves to put itself in good position to win the division this year. The Yanks will be close behind and since the east has taken the wild card every year since its initiation, why break the habit? New York will fight off Boston and Toronto down the stretch and make the playoffs.

The Central is probably the weakest division in the Major Leagues. Cleveland has won the last four Central Division Titles, and barring an unforeseen miracle, it will win its fifth.



The **Cleveland Indians** signed all-star second baseman Roberto Alomar joining him with his all-star brother, catcher Sandy Alomar Jr. They join a stacked lineup which includes Dave Justice, Many Ramarez, Travis Fryman, Jim Thome, and Kenny Loften. It has one of the most powerful lineups in the league, however, not its very weak pitching staff. Young Guns Jaret Wright and Bartolo Colon need to have good seasons, along with Charles Nagy, Dave Burba and Dwight Gooden in order to be favorites in the American League.

The **Detroit Tigers** have a young, talented team. Tony Clark and Bobby Higgenson will lead the Tigers in the 1999 season. Along with the off-season acquisitions of Gregg Jeffries, Dean Palmer and Brad Ausmus, the Tigers will put up a good fight in the central, but will prove the team's not in the same class as Cleveland. Detroit also has great, young pitching staff, led by ace Justin Thompson, along with Brian Mohler and Willie Blair.

The **Chicago White Sox** lost a key part of the offense in Albert Belle. Frank Thomas will have to carry the load as Chicago's rebuilding process is just starting and with only Ray Durham and Mike Caruso returning as solidified starters, it could be a long season for the Sox. Don't be surprised to see the Big Hurt on the trading block by the all-star break as Chicago is going to

struggle and will want to get some prospects before Thomas flees town.

The **Minnesota Twins** have a decent mix of veteran and young talent, but have a long way to go before it will compete with the big boys again. Brad Radtke, who is in the top five in wins in the last year and a half, is being shopped around heavily and could get Minnesota some prospects it greatly needs.

It is going to be a rough season for the **Kansas City Royals**. Johnny Damon and Jermaine Dye are the lone bright spots for this club which is going through a garage sale of sorts trying to dump the little talent it had in the first place (Kevin Appier and Jeff King.)

The west is going to be a highly competitive division this year and it is anyone's to win. Each team returns with some of the best talent in the league and the only downfall here is the total lack of pitching.

The **Anaheim Angels** made the biggest moves of the winter by stealing the Hit Dog, Mo Vaughn, away from Boston and making sure all-star outfielder Jim Edmonds did not leave. Add Tim Salmon, Darrin Erstad, Dave Hollins and Garrett Anderson to those two and that equals the most balanced line-up in this division. One of best closers in the game, Troy Percival, heads a good bullpen that will be the difference between first and second place in this division.

The **Texas Rangers** are coming off a year where it made a few great acquisitions before the trading deadline to compete for the World Series crown and was swept by New York in the first round of the playoffs. It still has a vicious hitting attack with Hack Wilson chaser Juan Gonzalez leading a batting order which also features free agent Rafeal Palmero, one of the leagues most underrated players, Rusty Greer, Ivan Rodriguez and Todd Zeile.

With two of the best players in the majors today, the **Seattle Mariners** will still struggle to stay in high scoring games, as they have no established pitcher this year. The Mariners are in store for some blockbuster trades before its big guns come up for free agency in the next couple of seasons. Look for Seattle to do some major reconstruction where the baseball analyst rumor-mill has Griffey Jr. landing in Beantown in 2000.

The **Oakland Athletics** are the underdogs in this division, sport



Atlanta Braves' Pitcher Bruce Chen

ing a much younger and raw lineup. Last year's rookie of the year Ben Grieve, Jason Giambi and Matt Stairs are going to have to really overachieve if they want to make a run at the division title.

The National League

The Atlanta Braves have won every NL east every year since 1995. It has made the playoffs every year since 1991 and will once again be crowned kings of the east. The Atlanta Braves are coming off a disappointing year, losing to the Padres in the NLCS, due to lack of offense. In the off season they signed Brian Jordan and traded for Bret Boone who will add a little punch to the lineup. However, Andres Galaraga was diagnosed with cancer, and will be out the entire year. In order for the Braves to compete Ryan Klesko will have to put up better numbers than he has ever had, he has big (cat) shoes to fill. Chipper Jones, Javier Lopez, and Andruw Jones will carry the bulk of the load. The Atlanta Braves have no problems with its pitching staff. Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine, and John Smoltz are all Hall of Famers with 7 Cy Youngs between them. Kevin Millwood and rookie Bruce Chen round out the staff. The bullpen is shaken up with Kerry Lightenburg out with a torn ligament in his elbow; and with Mark Wohlers struggling, John Rocker will most likely be the closer.

The New York Mets will be fighting for the wild card this year. Mike Piazza will lead the Mets in



Detroit Tiger's Tony Clark and Damion Easley

1999. John Olerud, Robin Ventura, and Bobby Bonilla will also be in the lineup for the Mets. Bobby Jones and Al Leiter are the Aces staff.

The Montreal Expos are going to fight for the Wild Card, but they do not have the money to compete in this league anymore. Vladimir Guerrero and Rondel White will be the guns of the lineup.

Shawn Boskie and Carl Pavano will lead the pitching staff, and in the bullpen, Ugeth Urbina, is the best young closer in the game.

The Philadelphia Phillies are going to struggle this year. Its ace, Curt Shilling, could be trade bait before the end of the year. The only other bright spot is its third baseman Scott Rolen. Veteran Ron Gant and youngster Doug Glavine will have to have great seasons to finish above Montreal.

The Florida Marlins are built on prospects. Their fire sale after the 1997 season left the Marlins a young, inexperienced team. 1997 World Series MVP Livan Hernandez leads a young staff. Outfielder Mark Kotsay and shortstop Alex Gonzalez will turn some heads this year.

The N.L. Central this year could have some surprises with the balance of each squad.

The Houston Astros are going to have an exciting season this year. Ken Camaniti will join Craig Biggio, Jeff Bagwell, and Derek Bell in a great lineup. Richard Hidalgo will replace Moises Alou after he tore his ACL in the off season. Rookie Scott Elrington and Jose Lima will join Joey Hampton and Shane Reynolds in the rotation. Billy Wagner will lead the bullpen and will get close to 50 saves this season.

The Chicago Cubs pitching staff is in a state of panic with the injury to the 1998 rookie of the year Kerry Wood, who is out for the season. Terry Mullholand and Steve Trachsel will need to step up in order for the Cubs to get the NL wild card for the second consecutive year. If Sammy Sosa has a repeat MVP season like last season, and Mark Grace, Henry Rodriguez, and Mickey Morandini have good seasons, the Cubs could win the wild card once again.

The St. Louis Cardinals are coming off a season where they saw history rewritten. Mark McGwire carried the Cards last year, blasting unprecedented 70 home runs. Even though St. Louis finished below .500, it was still an exciting season. This year its expects different, though, with some of the best prospects in the Majors in J.D. Drew, Edger Renteria, and Ricky Bottalico added to the mix. The Cardinals are ready to make a

run at the wild card. McGwire, Ray Lankford, and rookie Eli Marrero will also be in the starting lineup. The loss of Brian Jordan and Royce Clayton will hurt the Cards' chances. St. Louis thought it found a second baseman in Carlos Baerga, but he was waived midway through the spring.

The Cincinnati Reds are coming off of a great off-season where they acquired Denny Neagle, Michael Tucker, Darren Bragg, Steve Avery and Greg Vaughn. With



The Houston Astros line-up.

the help from all-star shortstop, Barry Larkin, the Reds can make a run for the Playoffs.

The Manager of the Milwaukee Brewers, Phil Garner, is trying to make the club a respectable team like it was in the mid 1980's in the American League. Fernando Vina, Marquis Grissom, and Jerney Burnitz will carry the load for the Brewers in the 1999 season.

The Pittsburgh Pirates are still struggling to compete in the Major Leagues. The team's bright spot in the 1998 campaign, Tony Womack, was traded. It will battle the Marlins for the worst record in the National League.

The west also is going to be very competitive as most of the clubs added some huge weapons.

The Los Angeles Dodgers went out and signed one of the nastiest pitchers in baseball, Kevin Brown, who is being asked to ace a staff which has not had a legitimate number one in quite some time. The lineup, which includes Raul Mondesi, Gary Sheffield, Eric Karros and newly acquired Todd Hundley, should be tops in the division.

The San Francisco Giants are the only team in the division not to make any significant changes and is banking on chemistry exhibited last year when the club finished second

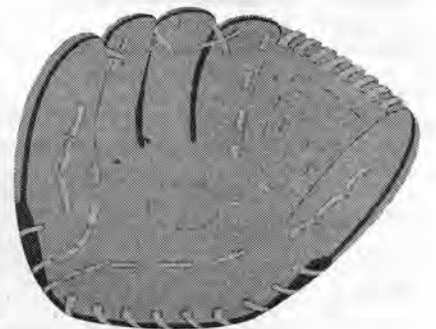
in the N.L. in runs. Barry Bonds, Jeff Kent and Ellis Burks are going to provide the punch in the heart of the order; the team will also need a comeback from staff ace Shawn Estes who had arm trouble last year.

The Arizona Diamondbacks used this off-season to evaluate itself and do some major reconstruction. Arizona went out and signed the Big Unit Randy Johnson and Todd Stotylmeyer to help out an already adequate pitching staff. Centerfielder Steve Finley and second baseman Tony Womack were also added to the batting order.

No team went through a tougher off-season than the San Diego Padres. A team that went to the World Series just last season lost its number one pitcher (Kevin Brown) and its number four and five hitters (Greg Vaughn and Ken Caminiti.) A lot is going to be asked of seasoned vet Tony Gwynn as he and closer Trevor Hoffman alone are going to be asked to keep the fans coming.

The Colorado Rockies took another route this winter, while the other teams went out and acquired players the Rockies went out and got themselves a manager. Jim Leyland will take the reigns and try to guide Colorado back to the playoffs. Still with a good punch in the middle of the order with Dante Bichette, Vinny Castilla and Larry Walker, the Rockies are going to need better pitching out of Darryl Kile and Pedro Astacio.

When it is all said and done, it looks like Cleveland is going to have a little too much for the Orioles and Yankees and will prevail to the Series for the A.L. Atlanta looks strong to make it back and that would leave us with a 1995 World Series rematch, this time with a little different ending though; the Indians lineup is too potent for the Braves stellar pitching and they take it in six.



NHC Hockey Team Finishes 2nd in the Nation

By Pat Rogers

Saturday, March 13, the New Hampshire College Hockey team lost to the Ice Knights of St. Mikes 8-5 in the Division II National Championship. The penalty-filled game saw forty-nine penalty minutes and three game misconducts, two of which were assessed to the Penmen.

St Michael's took a 2-0 lead late in the First Period with goals by Jeff Roukes and Andy Welgos. However, with a holding call at 19 seconds left in the first period and the game's first 5 minute major called against St. Mikes, the Penmen would have a two man advantage at the beginning of the second period. With the

game misconduct, St. Mikes had lost its Senior Captain Chris Davidson. The Penmen could not take advantage, however, and St. Mikes killed off the power plays.

St Mikes struck again 3:07 into the period, with a turnover in the NHC zone, and Chris Kuthy slapped the puck past goalie Nick Roussel. St. Mikes looked like it was in the driver's seat with a three-goal lead, and could smell the championship.

NHC would not go down without a fight, though. The Penmen struck twice within 30 seconds of each other with power play tallies by Mike Cesere and Rich Miller. And they were quickly back in the game.

However, a horrible make-up call by the two referees called another 5 minute major. This time it was NHC's Rob Miller for hitting from behind. Ice Knight Jason Harrington scored late in the second to give St. Mikes a 4-2 lead going into the second intermission.

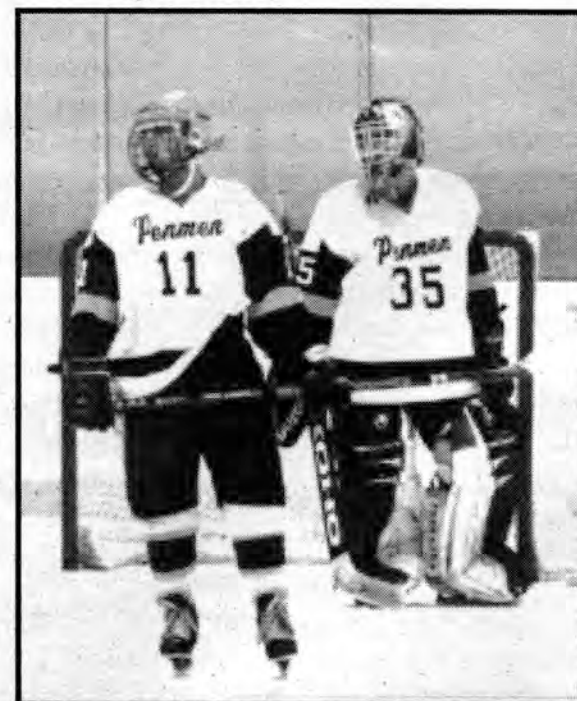
In the third, NHC struck again with a goal by Chuck Croteau, but the Ice Knights scored twice after that giving St. Michael's a commanding lead.

NHC pulled within a goal to make it 6-4, and emptied its net for the 6 on 5 advantage, but St. Mikes scored the empty net goal and deflated NHC's spirits. St. Mikes starting celebrating a little too early, because Croteau scored immediately

after the face-off to cut the deficit to 7-5. Roussel left the net again, but again St. Mikes scored the empty net goal, this one with less than 30 seconds to go. This clinched the first ever title for St. Michael's College.

The night before,

the two teams skated to a 4-4 tie, which meant this game was the tiebreaker. If the second game had ended in a tie, there would have been a 15-minute mini game, which would have decided the winner.



Dan Roy and Nick Roussel both contributed a lot to NHC's successful season. (Photo by Tom McDermott)



David Snuffer is playing on the lacrosse team again this year and is determined to help his team have a good season. (Photo by Tom McDermott)

Freshman gets 2 goals in lacrosse loss

NHC Press Release

Two men on the University at Albany team netted three goals to lead their team to a 16-7 victory over NHC in men's lacrosse action on March 27. It marked the 1999 season opener for NHC.

Senior Butch Howie and freshman Mike Cesere led the NHC attack

with two goals each. Sophomore Brian Davey and freshman Tom Sharkey also scored for the Penmen.

NHC took a 7-6 lead following a goal by Cesere with 4:43 left in the second quarter, but the Great Danes closed out the half with back-to-back goals.

Albany took a 9-7 lead midway through the third quarter off another goal, and took control with three goals in the final 2:38 of the quarter.

Junior Chris Devoe went the distance in net for NHC and stopped 35 shots.

NHC softball loses to New Haven

NHC Press Release

The New Hampshire College softball team dropped both games of a doubleheader at the University of New Haven on March 27. The Chargers took the opener, 17-0, and then completed the sweep with an 11-3 decision in the nightcap. The Penwomen dropped to 0-6 overall and 0-2 in the New England Collegiate Conference.

New Haven plated 10 runs in the first inning of game one, which was called after four innings. Freshman Hannah Van Tol accounted for NHC's lone hit.

New Haven held after 5 1/2 innings in game two, and secured the win with a five-run sixth inning. Junior Tina-Marie Gurdak's two-run homerun in the sixth inning accounted for two of NHC's three runs.

NHC baseball having a rough start

NHC Press Release

The New Hampshire College baseball team dropped both games of a doubleheader at the University of New Haven today. The Chargers took the opener, 11-1, and then completed the sweep with a 5-0 decision in the nightcap. The Penmen dropped to 1-13 overall and 0-2 in the New England Collegiate Conference.

New Haven held a 5-0 lead after three innings in the opener and took control with a six-run sixth inning. Senior designated hitter Peter Lopez and senior shortstop Jason Longo both had two hits for the Penmen. Senior Mark Perc took the loss for NHC.

New Haven scored five runs off six hits in game

two, while the Penmen managed just four hits in the game. Senior Scott Bilodeau, juniors Mike Prymak and Jason Dubail and sophomore Josh Palombo all lined singles for NHC. Senior Adam Aliberti was the hard luck loser for the Penmen, as he worked all six innings, struck out five and allowed six hits.