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President Richard Gustafson accepted the science and technology grant. (Photo by Andrea Hill)

NHC receives one million dollars

By Kellie Patane

On October 13 New Hampshire Senator Judd Greg announced NHC along with seven

other private colleges would each receive a one-million-dollar science and technology grant. This announcement came in a meeting the senator had with presidents

from the eight colleges that will be receiving these grants.

Though the announcement came only on the thirteenth, the grants have been in the works for the past six months. The reason for the long wait is the grants are tied to the federal budget. With the fiscal year ending September 30, President Clinton signed the new budget into effect, and then the grants became official.

Although NHC will probably not receive the money until some time in the spring, the administration does have ideas where the money can be put to good use. "We are thinking of putting a portion of the money towards the library," President Gustafson said. "We are waiting for the grant guidelines," he continued, "before we draw up any final plans on what we are going to do."

"This grant will boost NHC ahead in technology compared to most colleges our size.

We are already ahead of many schools and this grant will help us to stay up," Gustafson said. He also stated this grant came at a great time for the college because of another grant NHC has received. This second grant is a \$54,000 planning grant, and the college will use it to help prepare for the use of the million-dollar grant. The planning grant will partially be used to assess the technical needs of the college to note areas for improvement. This grant will also help NHC to see where it measures up against the competition.

Casey Green, Director of National Campus Computing Projects in California, will be visiting NHC on November 17. He will be assessing the current technology on campus and will make suggestions in his final report. His assessment will be carefully considered when decisions about the larger grant are made, according to Gustafson.

Vanishing VAX?

By Lauren Kobs

This article concerns users of the NHC e-mail system. Currently NHC has a VAX System, in use for almost 20 years. It lacks in technology, as many students have found out while using this outdated system. The VAX system is a digital product, and the license must be bought every year to keep its e-mail running. The company has a license manager who can shut down the e-mail if NHC does not renew its license.

The new e-mail system is called the Pop 3 (post office protocol 3). This system is run from a Unix server (operating system), which is used for e-mail and domain name service. Once NHC starts using the Pop3 in place of the VAX, the school will no longer have to pay the annual licensing fee. The switchover should occur over Winter Break.

Both NetScape and Windows Explorer can be used to ac-

cess the Pop3 e-mail. Some of the positive benefits of the Pop3 are:

***Netscape is free for students on campus**

***address book**

***point and click environment making it easier and quicker to use.**

With the VAX system the actual message is sent to the VAX and then to your local computer and then back to the VAX. It is secure and no one else has access to your e-mail account. With the Pop3 the message goes to the Unix server, and then it is copied to the local computer. All your files will be kept on that computer unless you delete all mail. Your mail is not sent back to the Unix server for storage. The only way to be certain no one besides yourself has access to your mail is to use your personal PC. Even if you delete all your files and empty the trash bin, someone could still send an e-mail out under your account.

Peter Cross, Telecom

System Administrator at the Computer Center, explained the technicalities of this switchover. He also said anyone using a laptop could access the network through the network training room. Only students with their own personal PC will be given a Pop3 account. He suggested those students who do not have access to a PC sign up for hotmail, which is free to stu-

dents. After the switchover the Computer Center will bookmark a site where students can click and sign up for a Hotmail account on all the computers. Applications are available for any student who has their own PC. The applications are available in the Computer Center by the staff offices.

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From the Editor's Desk:

Hope you all enjoyed reading the first issue of *The Observer*. I was very proud of the September issue and all the hard work put into it.

We are constantly gaining new staff members, which is great. There is always room for more writers, so anyone can join *The Observer* staff.

We sponsored a Halloween writing contest in the last issue, but unfortunately did not receive much response. I urge all of you to participate in our contests because you might get published and win \$25 for your contribution.

I'd like to introduce some of our new section editors. Mark Williams is our new Arts and Entertainment Editor. Danielle Nuss and Lauren Kobbs have become the News Co-Editors. And our new Sports Editor is Marc Pawlowski. I'm very pleased these staff positions were taken over by such enthusiastic students.

I hope everyone enjoys this issue of *The Observer*. If you have any comments, questions, or would like to submit anything for publication, the place to send it is Box 1084. Happy reading.

Tara Cowdrey
Co-Editor in Chief

From the Editor's Desk:

First off, I would like to thank *The Observer* staff for their hard work and dedication on this month's issue. Things seem to be going more smoothly than in past issues, mainly due to our new staff members.

We still have not matched our last year's record of 20 pages, but hopefully with your help we can in November's issue. Everyone is encouraged to write for *The Observer*. If there is something that bothers you and you want your voice to be heard, you can always write a letter to the editor. You can drop off your letters in Box 1084. Once again, Tara and I encourage everyone to come to our meetings on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in our new office and Thursdays during free period in the SGA conference room.

I would also like to congratulate CAPE on their impressive job with Midnight Madness and Fall Weekend. The banner contest definitely spiced the night up. Although there weren't many entries, there was unquestionable competition, especially from *The Observer's* banner. The winners of the banner contest, Kappa Lambda Sorority, did an excellent job portraying the true spirit of Midnight Madness.

Fall Weekend was also a great success this year with all of the different activities, including Let's Make a Deal Bingo on Thursday and Wacky Wax, the Professional Pests and The Button Factory on Friday. And of course who can forget the infamous lip-sync contest. On Saturday there was a barbecue at the soccer game that was definitely appreciated by the spectators and at night there was the Decade Party in the pub. Sunday night comedian Bruce Jacques entertained all with his hilarious routine.

Again congratulations to all and thanks for reading *The Observer*.

Andrea Hill
Co-Editor in Chief

Quote of the issue:

“What makes leadership is the ability to get people to do what they don't want to do, and like it.”

-Harry Truman

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This submission is the winner of our Halloween Writing Contest. Thank you to those who participated. Beethoven Dhara will soon be receiving a check in the mail for winning essay. Congratulations.

The Game

By Beethoven Dhara

We took out the Ouija Board and it was time to play the game "Dare Devil." Our energy flowed into the pointer, commanding those from the parallel world to join us. The candles flickered and died out . . .

Suddenly there was a knock on the door and we wondered if the inevitable had happened. Cliff answered the door and there stood a man asking for help. His car had stopped a few yards down the road. And since ours was the only house with lights on, he approached us for help. This was quite contrary to the situation with no lights on. He told us he had a flat tire and his wife and two children were in the car waiting. As we walked, Mary looked over her shoulder. It seemed as if we had been walking for hours. She nudged me and asked me to have a look at the house. There were lights on in the house, as if someone switched them on.

Before Mary and I could warn the others something suspicious was happening to four of us, we were standing in front of the car. First off we noticed the family was all veiled and dressed in black. Right now it was quarter past midnight.

John, Cliff, and Mary moved towards the boot of the trunk to unload the tire and car-jack. As I moved towards the family to chat, they slowly raised their veils. I couldn't scream; I was struck dumb. They had no faces; totally devoid of human features. As I stumbled towards my friends, the gentleman dared us to play the game again. He told us that they had lost a wager with the Devil himself. And now wanted to pass the wager to others in order to win a favor from the Devil.

We ran towards the house. The faster we ran, the further the house appeared. We stopped and looked back, the car and the family were gone. They had disappeared into thin air. We promised never to summon the powers of darkness again.

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

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Dear Editors:

I am writing you this lengthy letter to expose a gross and egregious outrage which presently afflicts the students of NHC, especially those who must endure the pain and suffering of classes held in the Audio-Visual Studio. So what's wrong with the A-V? Well, let me try to answer this tricky question.

In the first place, it is not the friendliest space on campus. Most would characterize the room as resembling a small airplane hanger with Coke stains instead of grease spots on the floor. It is "vividly" lighted and is either too hot or too cold, depending on the season. Although things could be done to dress it up, this would do little to alter its outworn and over-used condition. But the room's appearance is the least of it—what if you have to *sit* in this space and attend to a lecture? If so, you will be planting yourself in a chair which is used up, broken, uncomfortable, dangerous, unsafe—I could go on. Students required to sit in them for any length of time (five minutes would be too long) risk serious health problems, including bruises, lesions, contusions, blisters, cuts and, of course, chronic back pain. So what's going on here? Are students expected to endure the anguish of a lecture on an early Christian Pope only to have information therein fortified with the pain administered from their chairs (is this a new twist on *ex cathedra*?). If so, why not electrify the things and get the suffering over with quickly (A-V staff members could wire the chairs without technical problems and have assured this observer they would do so, happily). I am not sure we should try competing with the Spanish Inquisition, however—we simply don't have the resources. So if we wish to torture our students, couldn't we come up with a more humane method than tablet chairs? Maybe the rack? But I digress. It's time

a body count was taken and the College made fully aware of the damaged and ruined lives on campus, all victims of the A-V chairs (the blues and browns are exceeded in misery only by the whites).

H.K: broken leg and a cast up to her waist; she was viewing slides of the Parthenon when her chair blew up.

R.W: body cast for the next four years; his chair exploded during a lecture on gunpowder.

A.A: currently at CMC after being freed from her chair by the Hooksett Fire Department and Jaws-of-Life—a very close call.

D.S: spleen punctured from a detached stretcher bar; his condition is guarded but improving.

R.P: contusions to the head from a flying splat.

E.C: recently fitted for a back brace to correct spinal injuries attributed to improper chair height.

R.M: still "held" by his chair after numerous attempts at extrication have failed—the prognosis is grim.

And there are others, all wishing to remain anonymous until their several legal teams complete research into the College's liability coverage.

Let me make a rash and forward suggestion, one nearly as outrageous as the conditions described above: New seating for students, staff, and College guests who visit the A-V Studio. There, I've said it, knowing it's a radical idea, but also thinking of several salubrious benefits: good will, few if any legal complaints, and students who are happy in their chairs where sleep is once again possible without fear of bodily injury. I rest my case.

Your servant and ardent supporter,
Don Sieker

P.S. The letter above embodies several features common to Horatian Satire and is intended to illustrate, as promised to students in my Humanities 201 classes, how this literary form operates.

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Rumors of change

By Danielle Nuss

The latest rumor spreading around the NHC campus is the townhouses are going to be removed in the near future. The rumor also says an academic building and a dorm resembling Washington Hall will replace the townhouses.

President Richard Gustafson said New Hampshire College is speaking with contractors about redesigning parts of the campus. One plan was to build an academic building in lot C; however, this would have required taking out Sunapee, one of the townhouses. Gustafson said until there are plans to build new townhouse-style buildings, none of them would be removed.

Gustafson did talk about other plans he was looking into regarding the future of the campus. One interesting plan involved restructuring the campus so that the residence areas and academic buildings would be at the center of campus. Parking and roadways would be located around the outside of the buildings. This way, students would be able to use walkways to get to campus, instead of parking lots. This plan also included building new townhouses and apartments in the future. These would possibly be placed where the lower suites are currently located.

These are some of the many plans the NHC community is currently looking at. Keep looking for future updates on upcoming improvements to our campus.

New Hampshire College students meet Nobel Prize winner

By Bindu Rai

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, came to Manchester on October 6. Students from NHC were given the rare opportunity to meet him and volunteer at his award ceremony at the Center of New Hampshire's Holiday Inn. Professor Eleanor Freiburger, a close acquaintance of Bishop Tutu, helped the volunteers participating in this event. The students also had the chance to meet Bishop Tutu's two daughters. Over 800 guests showed up for this event. It was considered a great success by the people and the news media there.

Bishop Tutu's humble nature impressed most of the volunteers. He was very friendly and cooperative about being photographed and answering questions.

Bishop Tutu won the Nobel Peace Prize for his lifelong battle against apartheid. His work was honored, and on February 3, 1985, he was enthroned as the first black Anglican bishop of Johannesburg.

Born October 7, 1931, in Klerksdorp, a town in Western Transvaal, Tutu was raised in an atmosphere of racism and segregation. He promised himself he would not live in a place where people were scoffed at just because of their skin color. He became the first black General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches, and held that position from 1978-1985. Many white militants criticized him for his bold statements, and they blocked him from taking any action. But with the Nobel Peace

Prize backing him, it would have been an unwise step to ban or imprison him.

His efforts and his hard work have helped cross many inter-racial barriers in South Africa and the rest of the world. A good writer, Bishop Tutu once wrote: "My vision is of a South Africa that is totally non-racial ... a new South Africa, a free South Africa, where all of us, black and white together, will walk tall; where all of us, black and white together, will hold hands as we stride forth on the Freedom March to usher in the new South Africa where people will matter because they are human beings made in the image of God."

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Campus Security Log



Compiled by Andrea Hill and Tara Cowdrey

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

10/11/98

On the above date a Papa John's Pizza delivery driver came to the gate house and stated one of their magnetic roof signs, which was stolen on campus several weeks ago, was on the wall in a residence. He had seen it when making a delivery to the apartment. An RD and two PSOs responded. They went to the residence, knocked and were let in. Once in the apartment a PSO noticed the sign stuck on the metal door casing of the bedroom across from the bathroom. The people in the apartment were eating pizza but were not the residents of the apartment. Two of the bedroom doors were closed and because of the time of night the PSO did not go looking to see who else was in the apartment. The PSO told the pizza eaters he was taking the sign so he could give it back to the owner. The sign was returned to Papa John's. A short time later Manchester Police Department showed up on campus (they were called by Papa John's) and asked what the problem was. They were told and left satisfied. The sign's value was \$100. It should be noted that Papa John's is still missing one roof-top magnetic sign.

10/15/98

On the above date, a PSO received a call about a car off the road behind Washington Hall. Upon arrival, the PSO found a car sideways on the hill just past Washington Hall. The car was being held up only by a large tree. A towing company was called, and the car was pulled back onto the road. The hatch-back and rear window were crunched up, but the car was able to be driven. The emergency brake had been set, but the car had been left in neutral.

10/18/98

On the above date two PSOs observed a visitor lifting a female onto his shoulder and pushing her up into an open living-room window. The PSOs spoke with the visitor who was not signed in. He said the girl forgot a bag inside and was going to get it. The PSOs went up to the residence and found the door wide open. The PSOs went looking for the girl and found her pretending to be sleeping in a bedroom. She got up and while the PSOs were talking to the visitor she left. In plain sight on a desk in the room was a plastic bag containing a small amount of marijuana. A PSO called the RD and she responded. The bag of marijuana was confiscated, and the rest of the apartment was checked for people. As the PSOs were leaving, another resident came back. The resident was informed about what had happened and was advised to keep the doors and windows locked. The resident then stated the visitor had permission to be there and didn't know anything about the pot.

Two NHC alumni: New owners of Alley Cat Pizzeria

By Mark Williams

On Chestnut Street in Manchester stands a small red-brick building with green-and-white striped awnings over a large glass window. A giant pizza slice and hoagie hang behind the pane. Painted on the window are the words NEW YORK STYLE PIZZA. A blue-and-yellow neon sign above the door reads: Alley Cat Pizzeria.

Jared Freilich and Brian Tranchida, both 22 and recent graduates of New Hampshire College, became the new owners of this pizza parlor on August 1, 1998.

A native of New Jersey, Freilich noticed this pizza place early in 1997 and went in to look for a meal that could compare with what he was used to back home. He struck up a conversation with the boss, Hugh Poza, and was consequently hired to deliver pizzas. After almost two years operating the store, Poza took on new obligations and asked the then-managers Freilich and Tranchida if they were interested in taking the restaurant off his hands. When they replied they would like to but lacked the capital, Poza offered to help finance his two employees.

Although Freilich's plans were to become a graphic designer (he created the cover of the new NHC phone directory), he couldn't pass up this opportunity.

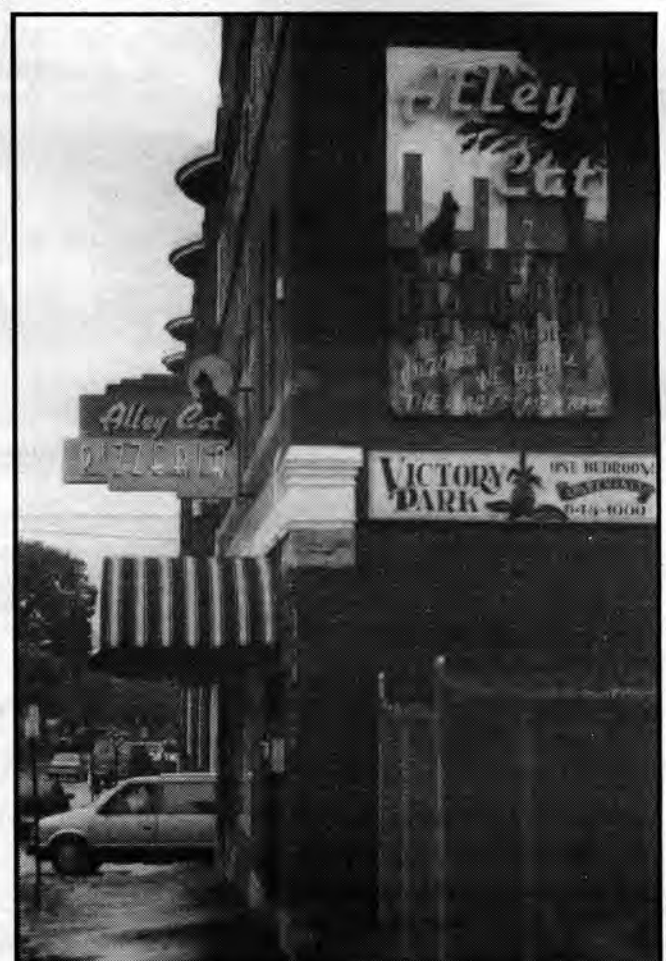
Since he and Tranchida had been working closely with Poza, and were interested in the management side of the food industry, they felt this was a challenge they could handle. And so, with the financial support from their former boss and a couple of loans, the communication major and his friend (who has a bachelor's degree in business), purchased the pizzeria.

The two unseasoned restaurateurs put in a lot of hard work to get the place up and running to their standards, often as many as 100 to 110 hours a week. They got a lot of help from their roommate Jason Caron and friends from NHC, whom Freilich says are their best employees.

Although Freilich regrets not having the time he wanted after graduation to relax, he is looking to the future of his restaurant with ideas of expanding and possibly franchising. He says his training in communication and interest in graphic design are a huge advantage to their company, to fashion menus and flyers.

When asked if he would recommend the running of a private business to young graduates, Freilich replied, "If you are willing to commit, it's a great experience. And right now I am."

The Alley Cat Pizzeria offers free delivery to the entire city of Manchester and accepts Visa and Mastercard. The phone number is (603) 669-4533, fax number 624-5083.



Alley Cat Pizzeria located on Chestnut Street in Manchester. (Photo by David Snuffer)

Students explore the truth about lies

College Press Service

Long before President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky groped into the nation's conscience and tried to fib their ways out, sociology Professor Barbara Hetrick considered teaching a class about lying.

Her semester-long seminar-"The Truth About Lies"-for first-year students at Wooster College has been about 15 years in the making. Hetrick said she had no idea how hot the topic would become as she put the finishing touches on the course's syllabus this summer. When word of the class got out, even folks off campus tracked her down to request course outlines and lists of suggested readings.

"In light of recent events, I can tell a lot more people out there are thinking more and more deeply about the consequences of truth-telling and telling lies," she said, "I think that has been a positive outcome to what is an otherwise tragic situation."

Ironically, the president's affair with Lewinsky hasn't come up much in class discussion. In-

stead, students are busy exploring the differences between white lies ("Wow! What a great tie that is!"); lies told to convey truth, such as those found in fables and folktales; and expert lies often found in government propaganda and political deception. One of the course's objectives, Hetrick said, is to challenge students to determine whether lies are ever acceptable - or even preferable.

"I believe that most 17 and 18-years-olds that come to college are not terribly comfortable with ambiguity," she said. "They tend to see tings in black and white without always wanting to consider the subtle shades of gray. This topic will challenge that tendency when, for instance, they consider whether or not they would lie to save the life of their child."

So far, Hetrick's students have reached consensus that lying is more acceptable when done to protect others and less acceptable when done for self-protection.

"What that means for the president, I just don't know Hetrick said.

9 Sickened by fumes after student swallows cyanide

College Press Service

A student at Grinnell College committed suicide by swal-

lowing so much potassium cyanide that the fumes from his body sickened nine people.

Two college staff members, three students and four paramedics were weakened and nau-

seated by the fumes after encountering the student's body on Oct. 12. They were treated and released from a local hospital.

Carl T. Grimm, 20, a sophomore from Placentia, Calif., swallowed a crystalline form of potassium cyanide, which prevents oxygen from entering cells. He immediately asked his roommate to call for help - but not before the chemical reacted with water in his body and began to produce cyanide gas, a

spokesman for the college said.

Grimm's residence hall at the private liberal arts college located about 50 miles east of Des Moines was evacuated because of the fumes. Grinnell Regional Medical Center, where Grimm's body was taken also had to be aired out.

College officials are still trying to determine how Grimm got the potassium cyanide and why he wanted to kill himself.

SGA Update

By Bill Kovel

It has been another month and the Student Government Association continues to work on accomplishing its goals for the 1998-1999 school year. Both teams received tremendous support. I encourage all students to make an effort to support the Penmen and Penwomen on their road to victory.

On other campus news, the annual Greek Weekend was fun for all Greeks that participated. Events included flag football, tug-of-war and rag-ball. As suspected, a dominant ZBT/Phi Omega Psi team won most of the events and took home the cup.

With the midterm approaching, the Student Government Association is in the process of discussing the end of the year Board of Trustee's proposals. Each proposal is presented during the Board's spring meeting and is discussed. Many student proposals have been enacted in the past years such as the electronic key lock system in the apartment areas. The SGA is looking forward to this process, and student input is always requested. As always, SGA's meetings are on Tuesday at 6 p.m. This meeting is open to all students.

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- ▽ Involvement in Safe Zones does not mean that someone is gay, bisexual, lesbian or transgendered. What it does mean is that the person supports people who are and supports efforts towards equality.
- ▽ Safe Zones is both a state of mind and a place.

There are currently 18 trained allies at New Hampshire College; but, we are looking for others who wish to be a part of our Safe Zones network. Allies are expected to participate in an initial 2-3 hour training program, to attend on-going training opportunities and meetings, and to actively educate the campus on sexual diversity issues.

For more information or to sign up for Safe Zones training, please contact Sara Wilson in the Wellness Center at 645-9679 or by e-mail (wilsonsa@nhc.edu). Training is scheduled to begin the first week in November.

Safe Zones is a project of NHC Outright - A Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Educational Effort on Campus.

Gay student dies from beating

College Press Service

A gay University of Wyoming student, who was pistol-whipped and tied to a fence post in an attack that has been denounced nationwide as a hate crime, died from his injuries early Oct. 12 without regaining consciousness.

The death of 21-year-old Matthew Shepard has reenergized the national debate over whether hate-crime laws should include specific protections for gays and lesbians.

"If this attack was indeed motivated by Matthew's sexual orientation, it underscores the need for effective hate crimes and anti-discrimination laws that protect on the basis of sexual orientation," said Terry Summers, head of the Lambda community Center, a gay activist group in Fort Collins, Colo., site of the hospital where Shepard died. "Why do we have to wait to enact laws to protect people until something as brutal as this happens?"

Shepard died while on full life support. He has suffered damage to his brain stem, which controls involuntary functions such as breathing, heartbeat and temperature. Many of his organs were harvested for donation, a spokesman for Poudre Valley Hospital said.

Shepard had arrived at the hospital five days before his death after bicyclist - who first mistook

his lifeless body for a scarecrow - found him tied to a wooden fence in near-freezing temperatures. Authorities estimated he had lain there for 12 hours. Shepard, who was 5-foot-2 and weighed 105 pounds, was admitted to the hospital for abrasions, hypothermia, sever welts and a fractured skull.

Shepard's parents, Judy and Dennis Shepard, flew in to be with their son from Saudi Arabia, where Dennis Shepard works in the oil industry. In a statement, they thanked the hospital for its attempts to save their son's life and also "reiterated in great detail . . . how overwhelmed they are at the (worldwide) support they have received," hospital spokesman Rulon Stacey said.

The alleged killers, Russell Arthur Henderson, 21, and Aaron James McKinney, 22, were arrested and charged with attempted first-degree murder, kidnapping and aggravated robbery. Only hours after Shepard's death, prosecutors upgraded the charge to first-degree murder and announced they'll likely seek the death penalty. The young men's girlfriends - Chastity Vera Pasley, 20, and Kristen Leann Price, 18 - were charged with being accessories after the fact.

McKinney's girlfriend, Price, and his father, Bill McKinney, told The Denver Post that the two men never meant to kill Shepard - only to get back at him for making a pass at

McKinney on Tuesday night in front of people gathered in a popular Laramie bar just off campus.

"I guess they (the people in the bar) knew that Matt Shepard was gay, and maybe it got around that Aaron was gay or something," Price said in a story published. "Later on, Aaron did say he told him he was gay just to rob him, because he wanted to take his money for embarrassing him."

Bill McKinney said there was no excuse for the crime but also told the Post that the story has been blown out of proportion.

"Had this been a heterosexual these two boys decided to take out and rob, this never would have made the national news," he reportedly told the Post. "Now my son is guilty before he's even had a trial."

Laramie police say McKinney and Henderson told Shepard they were gay to lure him away from the bar. The trio allegedly drove away in McKinney's truck, where Shepard initially was beaten late on Oct. 6 or early Oct. 7. The assailants later tied Shepard to a fence post and beat him some more. Shepard also was pistol-whipped, police said. Pasley and Price allegedly helped the men get rid of their bloody clothes and gave false alibis for them to investigators, police said.

President Clinton called the beating a hate crime and asked the country to join him in praying for the Shepard family. Clinton said he was "deeply grieved" by the attack and that he would encourage congress to approve the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. The act would remove jurisdictional obstacles often preventing the Justice Department from prosecuting hate crimes committed because of a person's disability, gender or sexual orientation, Clinton said.

Hate-crimes laws are in effect in 41 states and the District of Columbia, but only 21 of those specifically include sexual orientation.

The Wyoming legislature repeatedly has booted down hate-crime bills, with lawmakers arguing that existing laws make it unnecessary. But on the day of Shepard's death, Gov. Jim Geringer said he was prepared to take another look at the issue.

"I ask for a collective suggestion," he said, "for anti-bias, anti-hate legislation that can be presented to the Wyoming Legislature for their consideration in January." Wyoming, he said, could "serve as a model on how to deal with brutality so that the rest of America can deal with its own sensitivity."

House Speaker Newt Gingrich called Shepard's death "horrifying," and House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Missouri, said the crime "deserves the condemnation of all Americans."

The Family Research Council, a conservative Christian group that has lobbied against gay-

rights legislation, also released a statement condemning the attack but responded angrily to any suggestion by gay-activist groups that those who consider homosexuality a sin have helped produce a climate that fosters violence. And to pass new laws in response to Shepard's death would be an overreaction, they say.

"Militant homosexuals have been preparing the ground for this for a long time by calling everything we say hate and extremism, by saying that what we say makes us complicit in hat crimes," said Steve Schwalm, senior analyst for the council, based in Washington, D.C.

"(New laws) are a thought-police tool for affirmation of a homosexual lifestyle," said Paul Jessen, a director of Colorado For Family Values, a group that successfully backed a statewide initiative forbidding legal protection to gays in 1992, only to see the measure overturned by the Supreme Court four years later.

"Whether I kill you for racial reasons, phobic reasons, greedy reasons, robbery reasons or because I just don't like the way you look is irrelevant," Jessen said.

On Oct. 11, about 1,000 people attended a candlelight vigil near the university's campus to support Shepard, who was majoring in political science. It was a sowing that starkly contrasted a tasteless display only a day before during nearby Colorado State University's homecoming parade. Someone tossed a scarecrow on the Pi Kappa Alpha's fraternity float. On its chest, someone had spray-painted "I am gay."

The fraternity says its float was vandalized, "but this kind of act is something we cannot tolerate as a university" said Keith Miser, Colorado State's vice president for student affairs. The university expects to apprehend those involved, he said.

"We are saddened, heart-sick," Philip Dubois, president of the University of Wyoming, said during the candlelight vigil. "All of us I would imagine are haunted by the thought of a terribly battered young man with his future erased."

Shepard's parents said in a statement released shortly before their son's death that he would "emphasize he does not want the horrible actions of a very few disturbed individuals to mar the fine reputations of Laramie or the university."

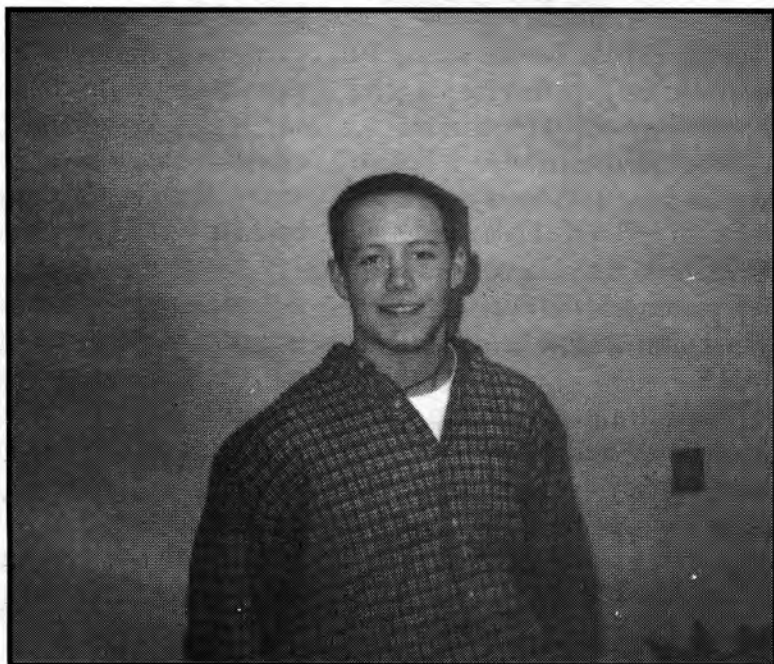
Dubois agreed.

"It is also sad to see individuals and groups around this country react to this event by stereotyping an entire community, if not an entire state" he said.

Voices and Faces

By Andrea Hill, Andrew Cummings and Ken Stevenson

If the school were to change its name, what should it be?



Brian Davey
Sophomore Hotel Management Major
"The University of Northern New York."



Lauren Kobs
Junior Business Administration Major
"I don't think we should rename the school! Everyone knows it as NHC. I like it just the way it is."



Amy Cowan
Senior Retail Major
"I don't want to rename NHC, I like it the way it is."



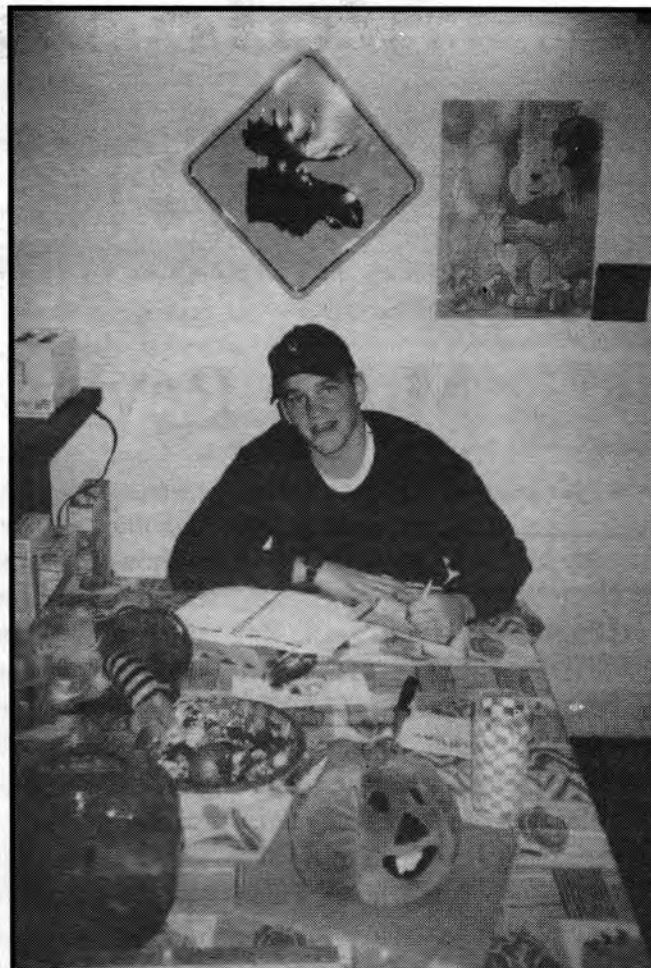
Jeff Wallace
Freshman Business Administration Major
"New Hampshire Regional University."



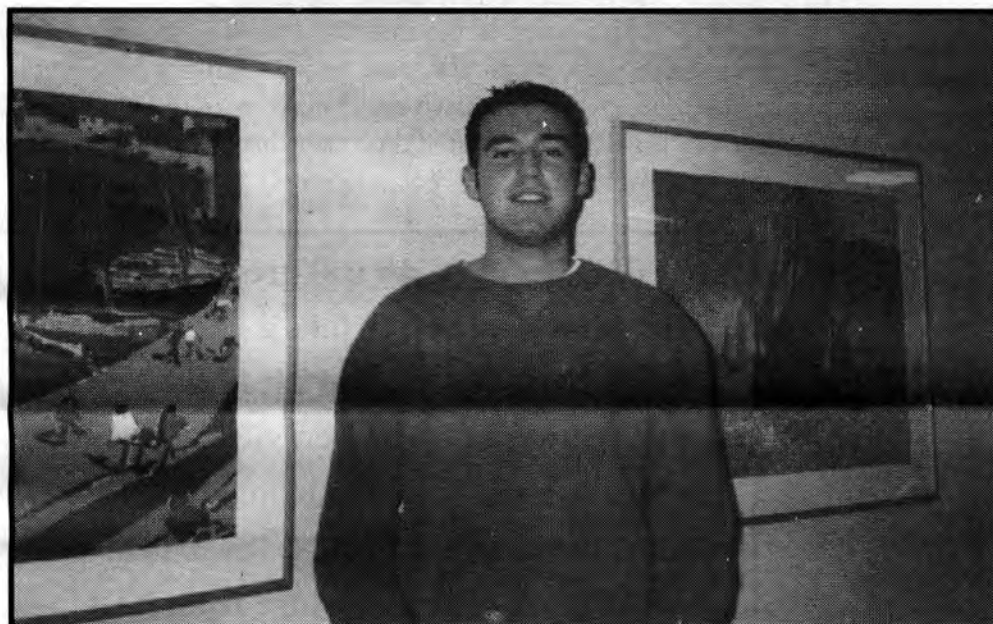
Meggan Reim
Sophomore International Business Major
"Southern New Hampshire University."



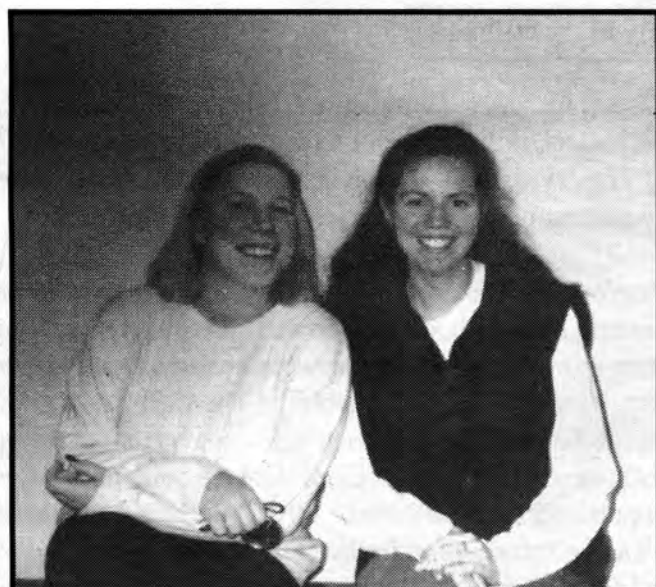
Doug Fischer and Jill Dupuis
Senior Marketing and Senior Business Studies Majors
"If the name definitely must be changed, we think it should have something to do with the Granite State."



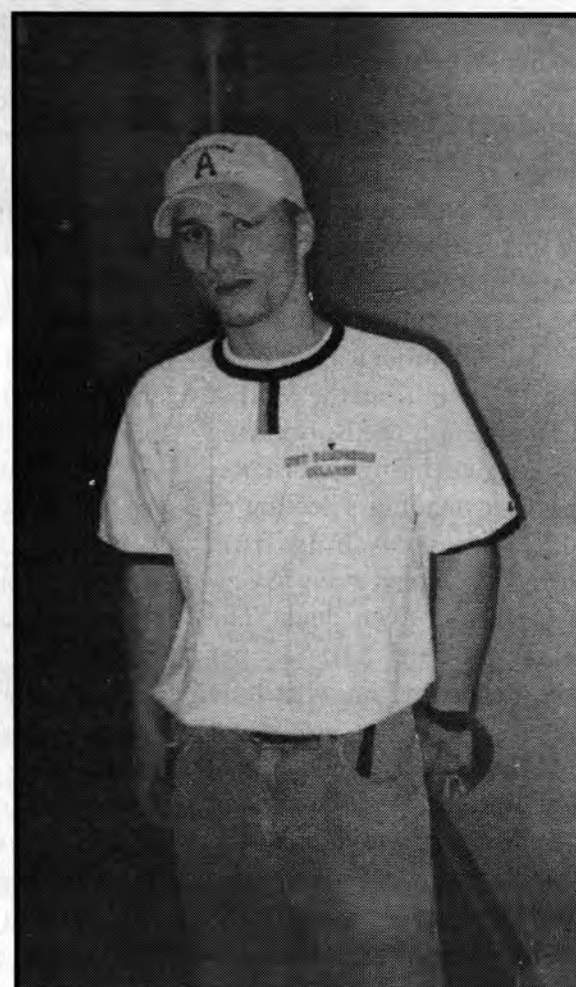
Troy Clarke
Sophomore Culinary Arts Major
"University of Southern New Hampshire."



Jason Butler
Sophomore Psychology Major
"University of Southern New Hampshire."



Tiffany Lyon and Leah Robichaud
Sophomore 3-year Business Program and Undecided Majors
"The School Formerly Known as New Hampshire College."



Mike Warena
Freshman CIS Major
"New Hampshire College, home of Papa John's Delivery."



Entertainment

Movie Review

By Melissa Cowdrey

Guess who?

Did you see *Scream*, *Scream II*, or *I Know What You Did Last Summer*? If so, it may have been pretty hard to guess who the killer was. In *Urban Legend*, there are many horrific murders all related to urban legends. This movie will keep you guessing until the very end; it's even harder to guess who the killer is in this movie.

The people who are murdered go to the same college. The

students joke about the murders and how they are related, until they realize the students are being murdered just like in the urban legends they have been learning about in class. Of course, everybody blames everybody else, and they even think it's their teacher for awhile.

Joshua Jackson and Jerod Leto are a couple of familiar faces starring in this thriller. Just a warning, this movie is pretty gory for those weak stomachs out there. After seeing this movie, you'll never dare to try the Blood Mary game again.

Cafe Pavone: A nice place for a date

By Michael Lascelles

Are you looking for a romantic place for a date, not too far from school? Cafe Pavone might be the place for you, unless you don't like friendly service, a cozy atmosphere and great food.

The restaurant is located in Manchester down in the mill area; take a right out of NHC and go straight. After you drive under the highway it's four lights down on the right.

The lighting is dimmed and the music is soft, the menu consists mostly of Italian food and seafood, with daily specials. There isn't a dress code, but it's a nice place so you don't want to wear jeans. Khakis and a nice shirt will be fine. The meals run about \$17 an entree, which includes your choice of salad or soup.

The meals are very filling, so be hungry when you go, but make sure to leave room for dessert because the chocolate cake is great.

Where to eat off campus?

By Summer Carter

If you're looking for a place to eat besides the cafeteria, grab a friend and take a drive down So. Willow St. in Manchester. The main strip includes fast food, casual and fine dining restaurants.

Are you looking for a place that will satisfy the hunger of a large number of people? Even if you just love to eat a variety of foods visit the Buffet King, located across the street from the Mall of New Hampshire. The Buffet King offers a casual dining experience, with an outstanding selection of food. There's anything from mashed potatoes and gravy to Chinese food, and even duck. The price ranges from \$10-\$15 per person, depending on what time you go.

If you're ever at the Mall of New Hampshire shopping and you're hungry, stop in at the Ground Round. It's a steak house for both casual and upgraded dress. It features fresh juicy steaks, seafood and chicken dishes. There is both a smoking and non-smoking section.

Another wonderful restaurant is Brother's Pizza. It's a casual dining experience for about \$10-\$15 per person. The pizza is exceptionally good and the entrées include a wide variety. Brothers also features a lounge, with a

smoking section. For friendly, quality service at a reasonable price, stop by Brother's Pizza.

The Pub 99 is a great place to enjoy an evening out. It offers an upscale but casual dining experience. You can enjoy their delicious meals and mouthwatering appetizers at both their Manchester and Hooksett locations. They also offer a smoking section as well as a non-smoking section in their entertainment lounge. Their prices are reasonable, starting at about \$10. So if you want a romantic setting for that special date, you won't dent your pocket at the Pub 99.

Boston Market is the place to go if you're craving a home-cooked meal. They feature glazed ham, turkey, chicken and meatloaf dinners with all the fixings. It is a non-smoking facility and offers great prices on their meals. So if it looks like you're not going home for a while, go to Boston Market.

If you just want to grab a quick bite to eat there are plenty of other options. There's a Wendy's, Burger King, three McDonald's, Taco Bell and Dunkin' Donuts. There are many other places to go on So. Willow St., and many things to do besides eat. Take I-93 to 293 and get off at exit 1.

The NHC Drama Club will present Paul Zindel's "And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little" on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31, in the Performing Arts Auditorium at the Derryfield School. Time will be at 8 p.m. Free admission. The Derryfield School is located at 2108 N. River Rd., a short distance over the bridge from NHC.

Arts and Entertainment Editor seeks writers

By Mark Williams

Greetings, New Hampshire College. My name is Mark Williams, and as of this month I have taken the position of A&E Editor of *The Observer*. My job is to obtain and write stories on arts and entertainment.

Anyone interested in writing articles that pertain to arts/entertainment, such as book, movie and CD reviews, critiques of restaurants, or information on concerts, art shows, and night life, should see me at the *Observer* meeting. The staff meets on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in the *Observer* office and on Thursday afternoons at 12:45 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room (across the hall from the pub). If you can't make it to a meeting, leave articles, article ideas, or information in the *Observer* mailbox, Box 1084, attention Mark Williams.

I am hoping to attract some consistent writers to report exclusively on arts and entertainment. If you don't have the time to devote to being a full-time staff journalist, I encourage you to contribute articles whenever you can. I look forward to talking with anyone interested in writing for the NHC student newspaper.

Children's fiesta

By Bindu Rai

On October 15 ACE (Association of Cultural Exchange) was on its way to host a battalion of hyperactive children. Dr. George Commenator and I set out on our mission: deliver the children safely to NHC. We both were wary, and the first meeting made me ask: Did ACE really know what they were in for?

But then these starry-eyed children crossed into a magical kingdom of adventure and intrigue. Najla Rabee (ACE Treasurer), Karen Miyanaga (ACE President) and their band of ACE members had turned the pub into a miniature playground. The games ranged from musical chairs to "beat up Tsubasha" (a favorite among ACE members). There were colorful balloons, food and drinks, and prizes for the kids to enjoy. There was also the great bouncing ball, loaned by Jonathan Eaton; the kids had a riot playing soccer with it.

Many expected some fights or arguments to occur between the children, but they were understanding and patient with each other. Their ages ranged from 9 to 12. When Rabee spoke with one of the teachers from the children's school the next day, she heard about the praises ACE had received from the children, and their eagerness to return soon to NHC.

These underprivileged children have missed out on a lot in life, and ACE decided it was time to bring some light and a smile to their faces. These children were at NHC for only three hours, but that time was considered precious by many of the ACE volunteers. The tearful farewell tugged at the hearts of all the volunteers. This is the first such event sponsored at NHC. Looking at the angelic faces of those kids, everybody hoped there would be more such events to come.

An evening with Carolyn Jones

By Kimika Embree

On October 14, photographer and author Carolyn Jones presented a program at the Graduate School about AIDS. A fashion and commercial photographer in New York City, she had her first encounter with AIDS when a close friend told her he was infected. Later on, Jones realized she had taken the news hard and, perhaps, even disappointed her friend with her reaction. However, that realization brought on an even bigger one: the need to educate people about AIDS. The project, *Living Proof: Courage in the Face of AIDS*, is about exposing the positive views of AIDS.

Coming from an ultra-conservative family, Jones knew the news she was going to be taking a year off to photograph people with AIDS would astound her parents, especially her father. Instead of getting angry at her father's ignorance, she compassionately told him her reasons and how much this meant to her. Even though she wanted to do this project, where would she begin? How many people with AIDS would lend their name and face to a book that would openly say "I have AIDS and I am living positively with it"? She made a simple flyer saying anyone who is living positively with AIDS and wants to be photographed, please call her. Amazingly enough, there were lots of people who wanted to contribute and so the project began.

Jones thought a gallery show at the World Trade Center on World's AIDS Day would be the end of her project. Yet, people wanted to know where the book was available. So, for almost eight months Jones went from publisher to publisher to no avail until she met one woman who was willing to publish *Living Proof*. After much deliberation, Jones realized she needed more pictures of all kinds of people who had been infected with AIDS. She needed pictures, like one of a uniformed man, that viewers could relate to and recognize. As before, an enormous number of brave volunteers stepped forward to offer their assistance. In the end, Jones expressed how she had been repeatedly told by the many brave subjects that what they needed was for people to "Be a friend, don't be afraid."

The *Living Proof* project is now finished, and there will be no follow-up. Jones expressed gratitude for all the wonderful people who were willing to smile in front of the world while also exposing the fact they had AIDS.

Many of those who posed are no longer smiling with us, but down upon us. Possibly they are hoping we are now more educated about how to deal with a loved one who has AIDS. There are some in this world who can show more with a picture than with words. Carolyn Jones is one of these special people.

Addiction

By Matthew Nee

Morning, the ritual begins.
Luckily I saved two bags from
yesterday's hell.
My dope, my needle, my spoon,
they're all I got, they're my friends.

As the needle draws the 'Devil' in,
you grin.
Everything's gonna be all right, you
say.
I'll feel normal again.
I won't feel at all.

I said this wouldn't happen to me.
I said I'd only drink a few beers.
I said I'd only smoke a couple a'
jays...

That's what they all say!

I come to; am I dead?
My cigarette is slowly dying on the
floor.
The only proof of yesterday
Are the burn holes in the rug?

Dead, Alive, aren't they the same?
I'm just a shell, Dead inside.
Unable to Love, or to be Loved,
Burying a darker past.

They said it wouldn't happen to
them.

They said they only drink a few
beers.

They said they only smoke a couple a'
jays...

That's what my friends said!

My mother, eyes swollen from
another sleepless night.
The family portrait held tight to her
breast.
Her face tells what words could
never say.
"What did I do wrong?"

Hiding from the truth.
Alone, imprisoned in my thoughts, a
stranger in my own home.
A stranger looking back in the
mirror...
I want to sleep forever.

You say this won't happen to you.
You say you only drink a few beers.
You say you only smoke a couple a'
jays...

That's what I said!

The Honors Program

Honors students are 'mad' for education

By Jacob Cohen

Change and innovation have become the bywords for the "new" NHC Honors Program. With a new director, Julianne S. Cooper, have come changes in location, expectations, courses and opportunities outside the program.

Some students and faculty may see the landscape of NHC turning into a trailer park for the Jerry Springer Show, but the meaning of the two trailers on campus goes far beyond that. The older trailer, located at the end of Shapiro Library, houses several members of the liberal arts faculty. The latest addition, and the home of the Honors Program, is the trailer behind Stark Hall, otherwise known as Delphi House. These two facilities help give NHC diversity in liberal arts, and an emphasis on academic excellence.

The Delphi House symbolizes something else as well. It was designed to offer students of the Honors community a meeting place and classroom, a comfortable and quiet place to study, watch videos or just have good conversations. Already the English Club is using the seminar room for reading club meetings, and the Honors committee now has a room to organize activities for the program.

The name, Delphi House, has a significant meaning. Delphi comes from the ancient Greek shrine to Apollo where the philosopher Socrates was counseled, "Know thyself." On the wall in the student lounge is a framed picture of Corinthian columns with a quote from the Greek philosopher Epictetus:

"Tentative efforts lead to tentative outcomes. Therefore give yourself fully to your endeavors. Decide to construct through excellent actions and determine to pay the price of a worthy goal. The trials you encounter will introduce you to your strengths. Remain steadfast... and one day you will build something that endures something worthy of your potential."

Which brings us to the second change in the Honors Program this year, the change in expectations. Although the program has always been based in academic achievement, two components have been added this year, service and character. These three components now make up the "new" Honors Program. While students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA to remain eligible for the program, there is the added support of Dr. Cooper and fellow students in maintaining grades. (Dr. Cooper's office is also situated in Delphi House, and she keeps liberal office hours.) Honors Program participants are expected to maintain their integrity, honor and to model good character. The program has instituted an Honors Board made up of representatives from each class and two faculty advisors chosen by the students. This board's main task will be to review cases of Honors students who have been disciplined by the college, or by any other authorities outside the Honors Program, to decide if the student upheld a good moral character.

Another "new" addition to the Honors Program is the course direction. The Honors Freshman Experience class is reading Aristotle's *Ethics* and Honors 201 is undertaking a deep analysis of *Genesis and Revelation*. These courses are challenging and in-depth to give students of the program a better understanding of the way human behavior works, and the expectations the world has of morals and ethics.

Finally, the Honors Program is offering two special opportunities outside of NHC. First a trip to Italy will be offered during the summer to study the art, culture and ideas of Rome. This is open to anybody who is willing and able to attend. Second, a new class will be offered in the spring semester of 1999. The school is sponsoring a trip to New York. Students will work together to emulate UN delegations from other countries. When in New York, the two NHC teams will debate foreign affairs with schools from across the country. This opportunity is very challenging, but Dr. Cooper insists it will be a wonderful learning experience.

I am new to the Honors Program, but so far these changes have made my learning experience more fulfilling. I invite anyone who is interested in learning and discussion to come into Delphi House. I agree with an eager student in Aristophanes' *The Clouds* when he said, "Throw open the thinkery! Unbolt the door and let me see this wizard Socrates in person! Open up, I'm mad for education." With the "new" Honors Program I am feeling just that.



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Racist e-mail prompts search for author at Boston College

College Press Service

A racist message sent via e-mail to minority student leaders at Boston College has prompted a search for the author, whom school officials say will be severely punished if found.

The message, sent in late September to 13 student leaders whose photos had appeared in a special section of the campus' newspaper, stated that "BC is for white men."

It also swiped at Asians, Hispanics and gays, stating, "You all need to go back to where you came from." The message was received only days after someone had scrawled racist graffiti on the doors of minority students living in a freshman dorm.

About 1,000 students responded to the e-mail message by

attending a campus meeting on Thursday that denounced racism. About 20 percent of the college's 9,000 undergraduates are minorities.

While the e-mail address of a Boston College student was attached to the note, school officials believe the message was actually sent by someone else using that student's identification. Computer systems analysts are trying to decode the e-mail to determine its origin, school officials said.

The incident adds Boston College to a growing list of campuses that have had to battle hateful e-mail, including the Universities of California at Irvine, Maine, Nebraska at Lincoln and North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Average college costs up 4%, survey finds

College Press Service

The average cost of college tuition rose 4 percent this year, outpacing the rate of inflation, according to an annual survey released by the College Board.

This year's increase, this one is more than twice the rate of inflation, which rose only 1.6 percent for the 12 months ending in August.

Four-year, private institutions raised their rates more than any other—despite many complaints in recent years about the price tags attached to their offerings. Room and board costs also rose between 3 and 5 percent on average, the survey said.

"We must encourage colleges to do even more to hold the line on rising prices even as we encourage families to plan ahead," said Donald Stewart,

president of the College Board.

Among the survey's highlights:

-Students at private, four-year schools are paying an average of \$14,500 to be there—a 5 percent increase over last year.

-Four-year, public colleges are charging an average of \$3,243, up 4 percent.

-Tuition at two-year at private, two-year public colleges is up 4 percent to \$1,633.

-The College Board also released its analysis of financial aid trends and found that the money available to students, while grants make up less than 40 percent—a ratio that is almost exactly the opposite from those reported in the late 1970's.

-The College Board's figures are based on reports from more than 3,000 colleges that gave information for both the 1997-98 and 1998-99 school years.

Local H make good Karma

By Chris Varnum

I hear CAPE is always looking for ideas for acts to perform at their functions. I suggest they do not overlook the best cutting-edge rock outfit I have ever heard, from Zion, Illinois. Local H rocked the Karma Club, on Lansdowne Street, in Boston recently. I was there to witness all of the distortion-laced shenanigans.

I arrived late due to a friend's hunger and lack of memory. To be more specific, she forgot her ticket in the car. When we finally arrived, the first band was already wrapping up their set.

We caught the last two songs of an energetic set by The Superjesus. The female lead reminded me of Juliana Hatfield, whom I adore. She played her guitar like there was no tomorrow. I was impressed by the snippet of The Superjesus I got to witness.

The second opening band was a pumped-up rock ensemble from California. They called themselves the Stanford Prison Experiment. The band was very talented. They sounded like *Rage Against the Machine* would, if anyone in Rage, other than the guitarist, had talent. The lead singer, however, was a different story. He looked like Michael Stipe from R.E.M., but sounded like the Sex Pistols' Johnny "Rotten" Lydon. Not only did his vocals not complement his band's backing, but he was also visually disturbing. He traipsed around on the stage as if he was having a seizure. At one point in the show, I would have sworn his face was melting off. I would have preferred to see more of The Superjesus and less of the Stanford Prison Experiment. However, the best had yet to come.

Local H took the stage at exactly 8:30. I know it was exact because the show was broadcast over Boston's "Rock Revolution" WBCN. When the set time rolled around, WBCN's Juanita walked onstage and introduced the band.

Scott Lucas, the vocalist/guitarist, and Joe Daniels, the drummer, walked to their respective places on stage as if they weren't whom the crowd had been waiting to see all night. Scott said hello and pounded into "Cool Magnet," the ninth track on their third and newest album, "Pack up the Cats." The crowd was impressed, but it was easy to see they wanted to hear the classics. The second song was "Fritz's Corner," a hard-hitting three-chord wonder from their sophomore effort "As Good as Dead," which states "I'm always ashamed and that's the way to be." As soon as I heard the opening chord, I turned to my friend Brian and told him to get ready. Since it was his first concert, he did not know what he had gotten himself into. The crowd gradually began to sway. Minutes later, we were being thrown from side to side by a juggernaut of bodies.

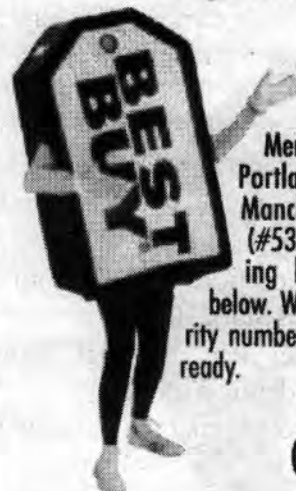
The set continued with such hits as "Bound for the Floor" and "Eddie Vedder," both of which are also from "As Good as Dead." They also played more songs from their new album, including "Lucky" and "What Can I Tell You." For an encore, they played an impressive cover of a song by Australian metal pioneers, AC/DC. They continued with their current heavy rotation, alternative radio hit, "All the Kids Are Right," an anthem of self-loathing: "You heard that we were great, now you know we're lame, since you saw the show last night." They closed out the night with "Manifest Destiny Parts 1 and 2," an effects-laced piece about frustration.

Two things occurred at Karma that proved that it was an outrageous exhibition, both occurred within the mosh pit. The first was the discovery that I had, much to my dismay, lost my pager somewhere in the pit. The second was that I lost my shoe. In between songs, a kind and helpful young man parted the crowd, for me to find my shoe. The pager, however, was lost forever. If a member of CAPE is reading this, enlist Local H!

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Japanese and U.S. colleges

By Kaori Fugise

There are many differences between Japanese and U.S. colleges. Japanese colleges are very strict about changing majors or even studying additional majors. On the other hand, U.S. colleges offer flexible ways to study and get degrees. U.S. college students are able to plan their own schedules whereas the Japanese college system plans the students' schedules ahead of time. While it is relatively easy to transfer into U.S. colleges from Japanese colleges, it is much harder to transfer into Japanese colleges from U.S. colleges.

Another difference between the two college systems is the professors teach their classes differently. For example, the majority of Japanese college courses are taught in lecture or seminar styles. On the other hand, U.S. colleges focus more on the discus-

sion style. The reason why each culture emphasizes different styles is that while American culture emphasizes "individualism." College classes in Japan are much larger than those in the United States.

Some Japanese people interviewed who had attended colleges in Japan believe U.S. colleges are better balanced about college life. There is the balance of having fun weekends and more serious studying from Monday through Friday. Japanese colleges require perfect attendance Monday through Saturday.

It is important for students to find out which educational system is better for them. In the future, perhaps these educational systems will help each other by sharing more information. The result could be a much closer cross-cultural relationship.

Roommate rules: Set expectations early for residential bliss

College Press Service

So, your beer-swilling roommate has yacked on the front porch almost as much as her cat has hacked on the living room rug – and somehow you've gotten stuck cleaning up the mess.

Then there's the hairy soap she leaves in the tub and the dirty dishes she piles into the sink. Still worse are those ear-splitting, nocturnal noises coming from her bedroom when her food-mooching boyfriend spends the night six times a week.

Welcome to the world of cohabitation, your own personal hell.

Hashing out your differences before trouble starts—whether you're in cozy two-bedroom apartment or 10' x 15' dorm room—is the best way to ensure that yours remains a home sweet home, many counselors and resident hall advisers say. Smart roomies, they add, set rules for their living arrangement and even get them in writing.

"Ignoring the problem won't make it go away," said Casey Cressman, a resident adviser at Syracuse University. "We suggest that roommates sit down and talk one-on-one and try to come up with a solution."

Unless you speak up, your roommate might not even know you're uncomfortable. "Rules," she added, "are definitely under-rated." Amy Coutee, a graduate student in journalism at the University of Iowa agrees especially now that she's seen how rules have improved her live-in relationships. Early on, she sensed trouble when one of her roommates frequently invited a boyfriend to stay the night. To ease tension, Coutee and her two roomies es-

tablished rules stipulating that no audible sounds come from the couple at night and that the boyfriend leaves their apartment before the other two women wake up each morning.

"It's worked out better than we have been open (about rules) from the beginning," Coutee said. "We'd all had problems in the past, and this is a much better situation."

Housing departments at many colleges and universities offer lists of suggested topics—visitation, cleaning, responsibilities and borrowing policies for starters—that roommate should address shortly after they move in.

SWOON— a zine devoted to dating, mating and relating—is offering its own interactive contract to help co-inhabitants define potential sticking points. The contract, available at www.swoon.com, gets down to the nitty-gritty with structured agreements for even the smallest details, such as the finer points of telephone use ("All call-waiting chimes should be religiously observed."), decorating ("No bold expression of personal style... shall be introduced into any common areas... sans vox populi.") and bathroom etiquette ("TP shall roll over the top.") The contract can be tailored to fit individual households and as funny ("Cigarette smoking is permitted on the premises at least five feet from anyone wearing polyester) or as serious as you want it to be.

Rules are nice, but flexibility is another key to living in harmony with a roommate, said Brian Landauer, a sophomore at Syracuse University. "There has got to be an understanding that things won't always go according to plan," he said.

Midnight Madness

By Marc Pawlowski

The 1998-99 college basketball season began early Saturday morning on October 16 as Midnight Madness hit New Hampshire College. As is the annual tradition of colleges nationwide, Midnight Madness is the first official practice for both the men's and women's programs. It also gives the community a chance to show their support early on in the season.

The doors opened at the NHC Fieldhouse at eleven o'clock, but the crowd had started to form a good forty-five minutes before that. The crowd grew restless as the clock drew closer to eleven and began chants in hopes of getting the door open, but the organizers didn't give in. When the doors finally opened, there was a mad rush into the gym. Everyone scrambled knowing there would be a limited number of free tee shirts given away. Unfortunately, there were very few shirts, which left a lot of fans unhappy.

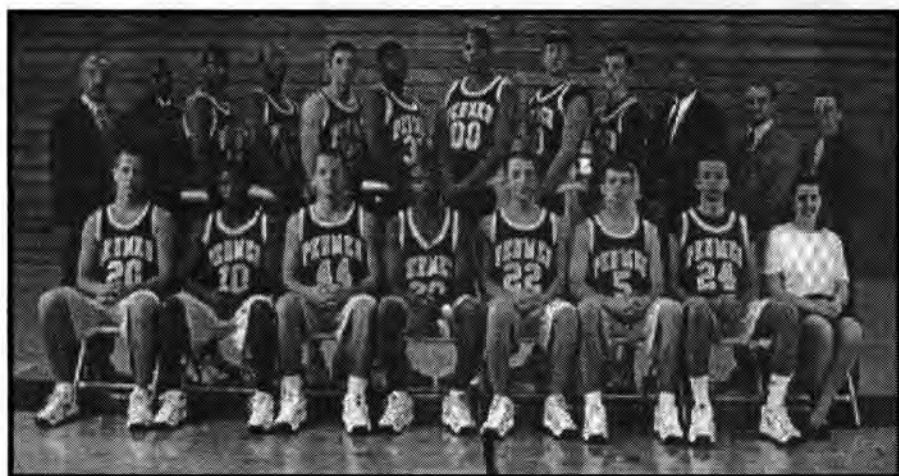
When the majority of the crowd made their way to their seats, the show began. The DJs, Mike Kaskiwicz and Ben Sutch, started things off by introducing the organizers and welcoming everybody to Midnight Madness. The first event that took place was the banner contest. The contest consisted of groups and organizations in the college making banners about themselves and their organization. The banners were displayed all around the gym and when the DJs announced each individual banner, the crowd voted on them by the noise they generated. After a close competition, the Kappa Lambda Sorority won the contest.

After the banner contest had finished, the NHC Cheerleaders were introduced. They were greeted with loud cheers. The cheerleaders went on to treat the

crowd by throwing various bags of candy into the crowd. The time was nearing twelve. At this point the DJs drew raffle tickets which they had given out as people had entered the gym. After several tries, the DJ's finally got themselves a group of winners. The prizes were gift certificates to various establishments around Manchester.

At quarter of twelve, the women's basketball team was introduced to the fans. This year's team consists of eight veterans and four freshmen. Head coach Deb Reardon is returning for her fourth year as the head of the program. They open their season on November 17 at Merrimack College. With a few minutes left before midnight, highlights of the men's NCAA Regional semifinals team from last season were shown.

As the final seconds of Friday night evaporated, the crowd grew more restless. When the time finally came, the men's basketball team introductions began. The crowd was pumped as each player from freshman to seniors, ran out on the court. This year's team has seven veterans including Orlando Ranson, Tarik Sheppard and Bobby Miller. Jeff Thompson and Namdi Williams lead a deep group of six freshmen to NHC. The Penmen are looking to improve on last year's 19-11 record and Regional semifinal finish in the NCAA Division II tournament. Head Coach Stan Spiro returns for his fourteenth season as the coach with the highest winning percentage of any Division II team in the '90s. As a finishing act for Midnight Madness, a fan had an opportunity to sink a shot from half court for ten thousand dollars. He had two chances, but unfortunately the contestant didn't make either.



This year's men's basketball team was introduced at Midnight Madness. (Press release photo)

Surf.The.Net.Now

By Ben DeGennaro

I hope you enjoyed some of the free stuff I mentioned in my last column. Web sites offering free e-mail, free web space, free CD's and free clothes abound on the Internet. For this month, I will focus on web sites that offer reference assistance, sites that contain encyclopedias, phone directories, term paper assistance, dictionaries and other helpful information.

For a fee, Encyclopedia Britannica (<http://www.eb.com>) will provide you with up-to-date information about an endless range of topics. The site allows the user to search through the most current set of encyclopedias from Britannica. Many of the articles here are updated regularly, which gives the subscriber an added advantage over the printed-book version of the popular encyclopedia.

Another site, owned by Britannica, provides assistance free of charge. This site is not as global as Encyclopedia Britannica, but it does offer a lot of help for quick questions.

Check out the Internet Public Library at <http://www.ipl.org>. The Internet public library works like a search engine (Yahoo), but also like a public library in that one can post reference questions and have them answered. The site also offers information about choosing a college and reading rooms. To access Webster's Dictionary or Roget's Thesaurus, check out gopher://gopher.uiuc.edu. For more library assistance, check out Carol's Reference Sources <http://www.idbsu.edu/carol/>. This site, arranged by subject, is compiled and maintained by a librarian at Boise State University. It is logically oriented and has good links.

The biggest library, of course, is the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress has a homepage that is very helpful when looking for particular information. <http://www.loc.gov>. A site that I just discovered, but has been very helpful, is Ask Jeeves! <http://www.aj.com>.

If you are looking for information on the government, then Thomas is the best place to start: <http://thomas.loc.gov>. The Thomas site is part of the Library of Congress, but contains a lot of information about the U.S. government. The Electronic Newsstand, the Ultimate Magazine Source, hosts a variety of newspapers, journals and magazines <http://www.eneews.com>. If you wish to go to the individual site, many newspapers and magazines host their own webpages. <http://www.wsj.com>. (Wall Street Journal) <http://boston.com>. (Boston Globe) and <http://www.chicago.tribune.com>. (Chicago Tribune).

If you can't find the answer to your question, search the internet with a search engine such as DogPile <http://www.dogpile.com>. DogPile searches Altavista, Yahoo, Infoseek, Lycos and numerous other search engines to obtain your results.

I have posted my own web page since my last article, and I invite you to try it out and send comments. Every site that is mentioned in my articles will be posted on the web page. Thanks! The address is <http://degennaro.free-servers.com>. If you have any suggestions for future articles, or can't find the answer to a question, I may have a link to help. My e-mail address is on my homepage. Don't get run over on the information super highway!

NHC runners post PRs

By Tara Cowdrey

Recently, at the Regis College Cross-country Invitational, the women's and men's x-country teams ran very well.

The women's team, which placed second at this event last year, placed fifth at this year's race. The men, who won the race last year, placed

seventh overall. Their change in place was perhaps because many more teams competed in the invitational this year.

Despite their non-trophy-winning places, both teams had many runners who posted both seasonal and personal best times.

For the women's team, Jean Tuson finished 11th overall with a sea-

sonal-best time of 21:32. Tuson received a T-shirt for her top-15 effort. Tara Cowdrey and Jaime Davidson also recorded season-best times and finished in the top-30. Cowdrey placed 29th with a time of 23:13 while Davidson ran a time of 23:20 and placed 30th. Lynn Beal also had a season-best time of 24:52 and she placed 43rd. In 47th place was Melody Jones with a time of 25:33. And Melissa Cowdrey finished the race in 33:33 and placed 68th.

For the men's team, everyone ran an excellent race. For the first time in the history of the team two of the runners finished the 8k course in un-



A start of one of the women's races. (Photo by Tom McDermott)

der 30 minutes. Johan Brandt placed 24th and finished in a personal-best time of 29:31. Brian McLeod was close behind with a time of 29:45 and placing 30th. Another personal-best time went to Michael Lascelles when he ran 32:18, nearly a minute off his previous best time, and placed 48th. Josh Matthews, Eric Lombardo and Richard David all finished in under 34 minutes. Matthews ran a season-

best time of 32:36 and placed 50th. In 53rd place was Lombardo who took off more than a minute with his time of 33:03. The best performance of the day went to David. He placed 55th and ran a time of 33:17, which was nearly three minutes faster than his previous best time. Chris Laperle also had a season-best time of 35:52 and finished 66th for the NHC team.



A start of one of the men's recent races. (Photo by Tom McDermott)

Penwomen tie in another battle

NHC Press Release

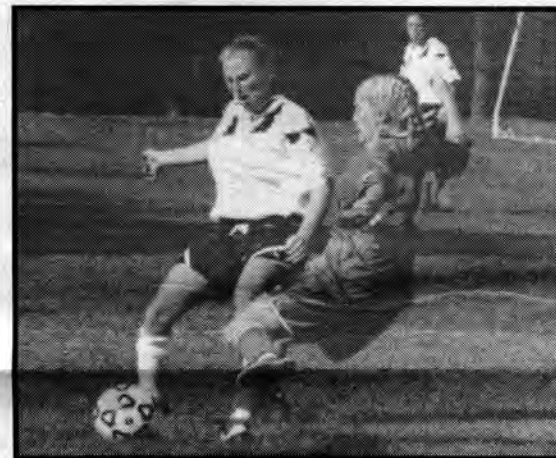
NHC and Southern Connecticut State University battled to a 3-3 tie on October 24 in women's soccer action at Penmen Field. With the tie NHC moves to 5-9-1 overall and 2-3-1 in the New England Collegiate Conference.

Senior Katie Sugrue netted two goals and assisted on another to lead the Penwomen.

NHC netted two early goals, the first by Hanna Stjernberg who scored off a tap from Sugrue and the second

came in the 23rd minute by Sugrue. Sugrue was not done, as she scored off a corner kick from Sophia Odre at 19:19 left to play.

Salvatore went the distance in net for NHC and stopped seven shots.



Michelle Boudreau trying to take the ball away from a New Haven opponent. (Photo by Tom McDermott)

Men's soccer shuts out Mercy College



Mats Nyqvist jumps over his teammate goalie Erik Fernstrom kicking him in the head. (Photo by Tom McDermott)

NHC Press Release

October 19 NHC's men soccer team posted a 1-0 victory over Mercy College today at Penmen Field. NHC, which moved up to No. 4 in this week's Division II national poll, improved to 12-1-1 with the win. The unranked Flyers dropped to 10-4-0.

NHC fired 36 shots at the Mercy net

during the game, but was held off the scoreboard until the 58th minute. Senior Sammy Faris netted the game-winner when he took a centering pass from sophomore Richard Walker and one-timed a shot into the lower left corner from 10 yards out.

NHC outshot the Flyers 22-4 in the first half, but the teams headed into the second half tied at 0-0. Junior goalkeeper Allen

Smith kept Mercy in the game and finished with 14 saves.

The NHC defense, led by Mats Nyqvist, Paul Cleary and Joakim Sallsten allowed just four shots on the NHC net.

Senior Erik Fernstrom benefited from the defensive support and stopped four shots en route to his seventh shutout of the season. He now stands just two shy of setting a new school record for most career shutouts.

Women's volleyball team beats Saint Michael's College

NHC Press Release

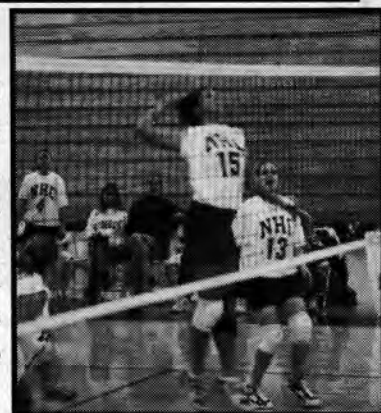
On October 21 New Hampshire College women's volleyball team posted a 3-0 victory over Saint Michael's College in

the NHC Fieldhouse. NHC posted a 15-7 victory in game one and rallied from a 6-0 deficit in game two en route to a 15-9 victory. NHC closed out the match with a 15-8 victory

in game three. NHC improved to 5-6 on the year, while the Lady Knights dropped to 1-11.

Sophomore Jennifer Basiliere had 25 assists and five digs for NHC.

Junior Jodi Stimson helped the NHC cause with 12 kills and two blocks, while sophomore Kristina Kintzer added seven kills. Junior Deb Milton added five kills, three service aces, five digs and two blocks.



Jodi Stimson sets up for another killer spike. (Photo by Tom McDermott)