



The Observer

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"Where the World Comes to Mind"

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Did someone say "parking"?

By Andrea Hill

As you may have noticed, there is quite a bit of construction going on at NHC. So you're probably wondering, when is all of it going to be done? Ok, well, not for a while, so don't hold your breath. I spoke with President Richard Gustafson, who explained what was going to happen this year with construction. Oh, and in case you were wondering, I asked him about parking, too.

Well, we all know about the new dorm and the renovations on the gym, but there is definitely more than that going on.

According to Gustafson the gym will be done by December of this year, and the new dorm will be ready for students next semester. There is no set name for this new dorm yet, but Residence Life and SGA have been working on it. For all of those students who are being

woken up at 5 a.m., I was told that it would be less noisy in about three weeks because the building will be closed in.

Other projects in the works are new tennis courts that will be done next summer, an addition to the international building, which is now called "Belknap Hall," and also the new academic building that will be built in the main parking lot in front of the Student Center. These projects will be done in the summer of 2001.

Ok, here it is, the big question, what about parking? Now we all know that parking is less than fun lately. Gustafson explained there would be two new parking lots built. One of them will be behind Webster Hall (formerly the Graduate School), for townhouse residents. The second one will be built across the street from the tennis courts. He said this should make parking a little less congested. However, if these parking lots are not built before winter, he



Slated to be finished in a few months, this will become the new dormitory on campus, located near Whittier and Greeley (Photo by Ben DeGennaro).

says that there is an alternative plan. He also explained that when the construction on the new dorm and the gym is done, there will much more parking. "In a year and a half parking will be a lot more flexible,

but it will be tight during construction," said Gustafson.

We will keep you informed about any new developments that might take place.

Convocation highlights

By Tara Cowdrey

This September, Convocation, a tradition that marks the beginning of the academic year, was held in the small gym as usual. Many students and faculty were in attendance.

The Processional included faculty, administration, NHC Ambassadors and SGA members. Reverend Bruce W. Collard followed with a prayer.

Dr. D'Ann Campbell, Vice President of Academic Affairs, gave her greetings and opening remarks. Dr. George Larkin, Vice President of Student Affairs, followed with introductions of the clubs, sports and organizations at NHC. The students who were involved in the above

mentioned were asked to stand and be recognized for their participation.

President of the SGA Sheri McCall spoke next. She told a story of her 5-year-old nephew Zack who was starting kindergarten. Her advice to him was "share everything, play fair and clean up your mess." She then addressed the student body by saying, "You have been given a fresh start, make it a positive one...be a part of NHC and leave your footprint."

The Keynote Speaker for Convocation this year was Dr. Mahboubul Hassan, Associate Professor of Economics. He was the recipient of the Excellence in Teaching award for the 1999-2000 academic year.

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Hassan called NHC one of the "best educational institutes in the country." He also stated, "NHC is blessed with many gifted teachers, and I'm proud to be considered one of them." For the closing remarks of his speech he said, "I hope and pray that I live up to your expectations."

Dr. Richard Gustafson, president of New Hampshire College, gave the closing remarks. He said, "We have high expectations of ourselves and you as students." Gustafson said to the new students of NHC, "You'll probably play harder than you've ever played before and work harder than you've ever worked before." To all of the student body Gustafson said, "Accept our best wishes for each of you for a successful academic year."

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From the Editor’s Desk:

It’s here again – the beginning of another academic year at New Hampshire College. Soon to be called Southern New Hampshire University, as you all know.

This will be my fourth year on the editorial staff of The Observer. I can’t believe how fast it has all gone by. I have enjoyed every moment of it, though, and I can’t wait to see what develops this year.

We have many new students on staff who are eager to be a part of this publication. I’m pleased about that.

Over the past few years, many changes have been made to the look and content of The Observer. With the help of Ben DeGennaro and the rest of the staff, we hope to make even more improvements to the paper this year.

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays from 1 to 1:45 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room (located in the Student Center across from the pub). This meeting is for anyone who is interested in being involved in some way with The Observer. We are always looking for new faces. If you are interested in photography, writing, proofreading, drawing, advertising, poetry or anything else, we would like you to join our staff.

If you have any questions or would like to submit an article, you can drop by the office (located in the quad, across from the library) or leave us a message at ext. 9669.

I wish all of you an enjoyable academic year and hope to see all of you enjoying this latest issue of The Observer.

Tara Cowdrey
Editor in Chief

The staff of the Observer wishes to convey its deepest sympathies at the passing of Richard “Dick” Pantano, the director of the Shapiro library. Mr. Pantano’s impact on campus life will be remembered and treasured.

Quote of the issue:

“Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.”

B.F. Skinner

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The name change

By Melissa Cowdrey

The announcement of the school’s name change literally came with a bang. On July 18, 2000, there was a press conference in the AV Studio. This conference was held to explain the decisions about the name change. As soon as President Richard Gustafson announced that the new name of New Hampshire College would be Southern New Hampshire University, thunder rumbled. It was perfect timing for the announcement. Thunder also sounded when introductions of the trustees were announced, and there was also a brief power outage.

As of July 1, 2001, the new name will be in effect. It will be about a one-year transition from when the name was unanimously voted for on June 25 to the official day it is incorporated. At the conference Gustafson commented, “The name change is a natural development and a natural step.” He also said, “University status is what we’ve become.”

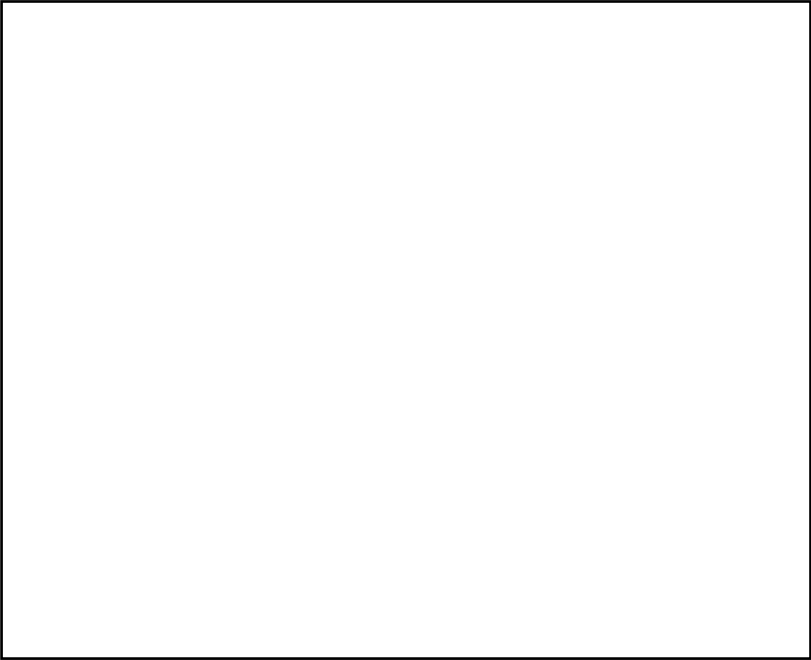
There was a choice of four names including the chosen one. The others were University of Manchester, Amoskeag University and New Hampshire International University. Amoskeag was not picked because the word was too hard to say or spell. University of Manchester was not chosen because there are two of these schools already, one in England and one in Connecticut. Also, this name made the school sound geographically smaller because it’s the name of a city versus a big portion of the state.

This change in the name should not affect tuition, the mission will remain the same and the requirements to be accepted won’t be adjusted. Typically, the student body should get stronger because of the university status. Gustafson also said, “Our students benefit because we have elevated the quality and expanse of programs and services and will continue to do so in the future.”

Changing the name isn’t really a new thing for the school. In 1932, Harry A.B. Shapiro founded the New Hampshire School of Accounting and Secretarial Science. In 1960, the school was incorporated and renamed New Hampshire College of Accounting and Commerce. Since 1969, the school has been

New Hampshire College.

Don’t worry – the Penman will still be our mascot, but a lot of other things will change like t-shirts, stationery and there will be a new website. To mark the name change on July 1, 2001, the new signage will be unveiled.



Politics on parade: Lighting up the sky in the 19th century

Richard Padova, academic advisor and instructor of government and politics at NHC, will present a free public lecture on 19th-century presidential torchlight parades on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m. in Room 111 of Webster Hall. The informal public lecture will be preceded from 2 to 4 p.m. by a public display of torchlight parade items from his private collection.

Padova, of Concord, is curator of one of the top private collections of political campaign memorabilia in New Hampshire. He has been collecting for 25 years and has special interests in torchlight parades, presidential elections, the New Hampshire presidential primary and state politics.

On Oct. 15, he will talk about huge, stirring parades, lit by hundreds of flaming torches. These parades, which were a popular form of presidential campaigning from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s, were an exciting fixture of 19th-century political campaigns in small towns and big cities across America. One

such town was Concord, N.H., where, in 1860, a grand procession was staged in support of Abraham Lincoln’s campaign. Padova has researched the Concord parade and will describe how it looked, sounded and smelled, along with torchlight parades in general.

This promises to be a fun and informative Sunday afternoon for all who attend. Take a break from the negative campaigning we are surrounded with at the state and national level and discover how these torchlight parades from a bygone era conveyed the excitement of grass roots politics (when these parades reached their peak in the late 1800s, voter turnout was between 80-90% — try replicating that nowadays!).

Admission is free to this event, and there will be free refreshments and free raffles. The prizes (of course) will be campaign buttons and bumper stickers. Come and enjoy an interesting, upbeat and festive afternoon! For more information, contact Richard Padova at NHC’s Laconia campus, 524-3527.

Have you heard about the NHC Honors Program?

By Ryan Eberman

Wanted, anyone who has a desire to learn, excel and participate! As New Hampshire College begins a new school year, you will be asked to join and participate in a variety of clubs and organizations across campus. But which one of these organizations will provide you with the opportunity to learn about yourself and your academic potential? The NHC Honors Program provides its students with the opportunity to challenge themselves both academically and socially.

weeks and months, searching for freshmen and sophomores who share the common desires to learn, excel and participate. You will soon be receiving information and applications for the Honors Program in your mailboxes. Freshmen, watch out for a visit from Dr. Julianne Cooper and other Honors Program members in your FEX classes.

Sue Anderson, Recruitment Committee chair, will be visiting local high schools and attending upcoming Open Houses and Accepted Student Days in order to entice new students to become members of the Honors Program. As Kristina Kintzer, Senior Honors Board chair, stated, “The Honors Program has high hopes this year, focusing on increased student participation throughout the campus.”

Honors Program students are expected to excel in three areas: including: academics, character and service. Students who have a strong yearning to learn and participate are encouraged to become a part of an organization that will bring out their very best. Your New Hampshire College experience can be only what you make of it.

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The Recruitment Committee will be out in force in the coming

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CAPE news

By Erica Elder

CAPE came away from Club Day with a long list of new members and some familiar names. We had our first meeting on Sept. 18, and with so many things coming up in the near future, we put the committees to work.

The cover band, A View From Here, was back for another great performance at the Last Chapter Pub on Sept. 28 at 9 p.m. The year just wouldn't be the same without an unforgettable packed-house performance from Travelin' Max. He made his way to the new Last Chapter Pub stage on Sept.30. New Hampshire College's own Shawn Gove made his TV debut on Fox's America's Sexiest Bachelor Competition on Oct. 2.

Another laugh-out-loud performance from comedian Eric Nievis will be on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 9 p.m. The ever-popular Bingo will be in the pub on Oct. 11 at 7p.m., so come and try your luck. And we can't forget action-packed Fall Weekend starts on Oct. 19 and goes through Oct. 22. I have it on good authority that there are going to be some great bands, comedians and some tough acts competing against each other at the Lip Sync this year. Come on out to the events.

CAPE is always looking for more members with creative ideas and energy to make this the best year yet. We meet every Monday at 6 p.m. in the pub. We'd love to see your face.

Glitch in web

By Richard Victorino

On Sept. 18 the student body of New Hampshire College was told they'd be able to log onto RadioNHC's website and listen to the start of what would be an exciting year for the station and the school. But where was the sound that day? As students questioned why the Internet radio wasn't working and staff members found their shows being cancelled for the day, General Manager Ben Peirce was on the phone with Webradio.com for four hours trying to find the answers.

The problem that cancelled the entire launch day for the radio team hasn't gone away since. Consistently, shows are staying on the air for minutes at a time. Then, without warning, the signal gets lost, and the station's computer must retry sending its signal again.

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So how does RadioNHC work, and why is this happening? The way it works is the station sends out a signal to the Internet. The signal is then cycled through about 15 computers on its way to California, where Webradio.com is located. For a monthly fee of \$50, Webradio.com sends the signal back onto the Internet. The signal goes a long way across the country, hitting many computers on the way before a student at NHC can pick up the signal. If there is *any* delay at any of those locations or if the Internet is slow, RadioNHC can lose its connection with Webradio.com

and get knocked off the air.

There are other factors involved in the station's broadcast problems notes Peirce. He mentions the increase in students on this campus and the increase in Internet use. Think of it this way. If almost all the students at school had a car, the parking lots (which can only hold so much) would become full. When you the student go to park your car, it would take you a long time because there's just not enough space available. That's what is happening with the Internet on campus. There is only so much bandwidth available.

Which brings up the question of Napster. Peirce says this "may have something to do with the station's problems" but it's just a part of the increase in Internet users. However, he feels that if a large chunk of the student body used Napster, it would disrupt the station. "File transfers take up a lot of bandwidth. If everyone on campus used Napster, the Internet would barely function," he says.

The school has said there would be a firewall on Napster, which Peirce says would most likely help the station's signal. The station does support a firewall of Napster, only for the sake of freeing up large amounts of bandwidth.

However, Peirce stresses that only part of the problem may be on campus. The other part is anywhere along the way to California and back; Webradio.com says it's virtually impossible to detect just where the problem is.

Peirce held an interview live on the radio station on Sept. 25 about the radio's problems. He admitted that it has been embarrassing for the station, but urges the students to "keep trying." He noted it is just as frustrating for the students trying to log on as it is for the staff trying to reach the campus.

All Peirce can say is keep trying to listen to your station, and he is doing all he can to eradicate the problem. He also stresses that Napster is not the primary reason for RadioNHC's problems, just as RadioNHC is not responsible for any firewall against Napster.

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Campus Security Log

Compiled by Tara Cowdrey

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

9/3/00

On the above date, a PSO on patrol observed a student set an open container of beer on the ground while he proceeded to urinate on the side of the fire road. The student was I.D.'d and told he would be documented. The student was cooperative.

9/4/00

While on patrol, two PSO's came upon a student drinking beer. When asked to present an I.D., the student said he was a transfer student and gave his name. He was escorted to his residence building where the R.D. said he was not a resident of that building. The student was very uncooperative and originally gave a false name.

9/7/00


On the above date a PSO observed a student sitting outside with an open can of beer. The student was I.D.'d and the beer was dumped. The student said he was using the beer can to spit in. The beer had been cold and the can was almost full. There was no sign of spit in the can.

9/7/00

An RD called a PSO for a resident who was trapped in a bedroom. Apparently the lock was jammed, and the RD was unable to open the door. A staff member of maintenance fixed the problem.

9/8/00

On the above date, a PSO responded to a possible alcohol poisoning. A student was found on the ground being assisted by an RA. The student was unconscious and an ambulance was called. The student was barefoot and the shoes could not be located.



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Lake Massabesic Collaborative exhibit

By Andrea Hill

On Friday, Sept. 22, participants of the New Hampshire College Continuum and others gathered at the Lake Massabesic Audubon Center in New Hampshire to view an exhibit of the history of Lake Massabesic.

Students from last year's History 113 and 114 classes with Professor Hill-Zeigler came together with NHC Continuum members, headed by Jane Giennan, the Manchester Historical Society, the Auburn Historical Society and the Massabesic Audubon Center to commemorate the history of the lake.

The NHC students and

Continuum members had gone out into the community and interviewed some of the older people in the surrounding town. They had recorded an oral history of what the lake used to be like. They also had taken photographs and conducted research. The students involved were Gail Brooks, Jessica Plourde, Lucas de Sousa, John Dunn, Jennifer Robinson, Michael Schless and Kevin Neely. Their work was on display at the Massabesic Audubon Center.

If you would like to learn more about this exhibit, please call Massabesic Audubon Center at 668-2045.

Bridgestone/Firestone brings in expert to dissect tire failure

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He spends most of his days figuring out how things are put together and why they fall apart.

Now, Dr. Sanjay Govindjee might face the challenge of his career: trying to determine why treads are peeling off 15-inch Firestone radials, leading to tire failure on Ford Explorers and other vehicles. The tires are under investigation in 101 reported traffic deaths.

Govindjee, a professor at the University of California, has been hired by Bridgestone/Firestone as an outside expert to get to the bottom of what went wrong.

He started his new assignment in Akron by promising to conduct a thorough, independent examination, even though the tire maker is paying him an undisclosed fee for his services.

"I have no vested interest here in what happens with Firestone," Govindjee said, standing on the front steps of the company's research center on South Main Street. "I'm here to help them with this problem and I'll tell them how I see it."

The heightened scrutiny is almost certain to focus national attention on Bridgestone/

Firestone's research and technical centers in Akron. It also likely will raise questions about the roles the facilities played in the design and testing of the faulty tires.

The company has recalled more than 6 million tires, and so far has replaced 2.2 million of them. It says the recalled tires were designed in Akron, one of its three major technical centers. (The others are in Tokyo and Rome.) However, none of the recalled tires were made in Akron. The company has not made passenger tires there for more than a decade, although it continues to make experimental and race tires.

Govindjee's task will loom large, especially considering that he will not have his own staff to help. Instead, a team of company workers will collaborate with him.

He will have to dig through data going back a decade, when the first problem tires were designed and made. Then he will examine data on the recalled tires to gather clues about what went wrong. He will then outline a plan for additional tests and analysis.

CSC news



By Jessica Brennan

As the fall 2000 semester is now in session, the Commuter Student Council Executive Board of Officers would like to welcome all students and faculty back for the start of a new school year.

The CSC officers are Jessica Brennan, president; Cheryl Variava, vice-president; J.B. London, executive officer; Cassie Novak, secretary/treasurer; Michael Robinson, public relations; and Dr. George Larkin, advisor.

During the summer months CSC has been busy! In June we held a fundraiser at Burger King on Mast Road in Goffstown, as well as had a luncheon board meeting to start planning for orientation. In July we had a dinner board meeting to plan for our next fundraiser and to stuff envelopes for a mass mailing to all commuter students. In August we held a car wash at Burger King in Hooksett and had one last summer board meeting to finalize orientation plans.

On Sept. 2, we hosted the Saturday Night Welcome during orientation in the pub for incoming commuter students. CSC Officers Jessica, Cassie, Mike, Advisor Dr. Larkin and orientation leaders Ashley Adams and Michelle Loveys served ice cream sundaes and root beer floats; the new students played icebreaker games, and CSC gave everyone a free raffle prize. In addition to the CSC officers and Dr. Larkin addressing the group, SGA president Sheri McCall and head orientation leader Ryan Eberman spoke to the group.

For the upcoming semester CSC has planned many fun events for the entire campus. Saturday, Oct. 14 is our second annual Autumn Picnic. Friday, Oct. 27 is the Halloween Masquerade Party, for which CSC won the Best Program of the Year Award last year, and Thursday, Dec. 14 will be a karaoke night in the pub. In the upcoming months, watch for more CSC sponsored events, including a Valentine Semi-Formal.

Commuter Student Council invites everyone to attend our weekly meetings, which are held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Commuter Lounge; refreshments are always served. If you cannot attend our meetings but would like to know more about our organization, visit our new website: www.commuternhc.com. If you have any questions, suggestions or comments, you can email us at CommuterNHC@aol.com or drop a note in our suggestion box, which is also located in the Commuter Lounge on the CSC bulletin board.

We look forward to having another successful year. We hope you'll stop by our meetings to meet the CSC officers and members and share your ideas with us.

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NHC bursts into song again

By Katie Darling

Singing is a talent many people have. Music in general is able to brighten a person’s day and turn any atmosphere into a welcoming one. NHC used to have its own singing group, which, sadly, ended a few years ago. However, enough people have encouraged another chorus to begin, so music will once again fill the New Hampshire College campus.

The college hired Peter Bridges, a professional musician. His resume includes positions like public high school teacher in New Jersey and director of groups in Hopkinton as well as Notre Dame College in Manchester. Bridges majored in music, traveled overseas and experienced a variety of musical backgrounds.

The first chorus meeting took place Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the Audio Visual Studio. An affable man, Bridges made the group, which consisted of about thirteen students and faculty, feel comfortable. We started by dividing into the major singing parts (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) and practicing some warm-up vocal exercises.

This new director is a fan of Fred Waring. We learned this composer was known as the “father of choral arrangements.” Flipping through the book *Golden Oldies*, the group sang calm songs like “When I Grow Too Old to Dream” and “Let Me Call You Sweetheart” and more jazzy songs like “Bye Bye Blackbird” and “On the Sunny Side of the Street.”

The chorus wants to sing some well-known musical soundtracks along with holiday music for the fast-approaching seasons. Nothing yet is set in stone.

Our first rehearsal attracted a variety of people. Some had been singing for years, and others had never sung a note in their life. New members are welcome. If you are interested, the rehearsals take place Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the Audio Visual Studio.

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11:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Frost 3	Prof. Caruso	Core Acctg, Eco, Fin
1:45 – 2:45 p.m.	Library Tutor Room	Prof. R. Begiebing	Writing
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Hosp.- Rm TBA	Prof. R. Fleeson	Writing
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Washington Hall	Chad Detjen	Writing
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Washington Hall	Bryan Bouchard	Accounting
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7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Stark 8	Prof. V. Tetley	Math
Tuesdays:			
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Library Tutor Room	Prof. S. Youngs	Writing
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Office/Learning Svcs	Melissa Buffone	Math
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Hosp. Rm. 315	Prof. D. Sieker	Writing
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Office/Learning Svcs.	Prof. Pam Cohen	Math
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Office/Learning Svcs.	Prof. Dennis Shea	Acct, Eco, Fin.
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Washington Hall	Andrew Cummings	Writing
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Washington Hall	Matt Thaisz	Math
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Wednesdays:			
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Comp Ctr 13	Prof. J. Fleming	Writing
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Library Tutor Room	Prof. L. Kinsman	Writing
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Hosp. Rm 315	Prof. D. Sieker	Writing
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2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Office/Learning Svcs.	Prof. Kathy Willis	Math
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Comp Ctr. 13	Prof. C. Hollman	Writing
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Washington Hall	Matt Thaisz	Math
Thursdays:			
10:30 – 12:00 p.m.	Library Tutor Rm	Prof. S. Youngs	Writing
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Office/Learning Svcs.	Prof. David Cox	Math
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Comp Ctr 13	Prof. C. Hollman	Writing
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Comp Ctr 13.	Prof. C. Zimmermann	Writing
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Comp Ctr. 13	Prof. G. White	Writing
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Washington Hall	Trevor Bunker	Math
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Escape from the shadow of Nazi Germany

By Geoff Morgan

From afar, Maarten H. Rutteman appears no different from any older gentleman you see while shopping in your local grocery store. You might pass him in the aisle without guessing at the things he’s seen and done. You would never know.

As part of the New Hampshire College Spectrum Series, Rutteman appeared before an audience in the AV Studio on Sept. 22 to recount the harrowing experiences he had never before related to a crowd in a conference-type setting. At the conclusion of his hour-long presentation, there was not a spectator in the room ungrateful for the opportunity to have listened to the man’s incredible story.

That story begins in 1943, in the Netherlands in The Hague, where Hitler’s SS officers suddenly began arresting students of university age. Rutteman, then 19, was taken from his home at gunpoint and transported to a nearby Nazi concentration camp.

Held hostage with some 1200 other students, Rutteman was forced to live every day with the expectation that at any time he and four of his companions could be shot for the future transgressions of an alleged student resistance organization. While none of the hostages were ever beaten, they still had to endure prison food and the ever-present threats of an SS officer nicknamed “the Sadist.” Fortunately, before too long the Nazis realized there really was no organization of student resistance fighters, and they began allowing the hostages to leave in small groups. Rutteman was set free with the last group of students.

In August of that year, after deciding he would attempt to flee German-occupied Europe, Rutteman trekked across the border of Holland on foot and by train, eventually reaching Brussels, where a sympathetic Belgian provided him with food and shelter. From Brussels, he was smuggled by train into Paris, where he was reunited with his brother Edu in a hotel where the manager was willing to board them without proper identification.

From Paris, it was off to Lourdes to meet up with a group of guides from the French resistance movement who had agreed to help

them cross the Pyrenees Mountains into Spain, which had managed to remain neutral during the war. There the Rutteman brothers met 35 other individuals hoping to flee the terror of Hitler’s influence.

The small company hiked without rest for nearly two days, often venturing off the main paths in order to avoid detection by border patrols. After those grueling first 48 hours, their guides pointed out the rest of the way and left Maarten, Edu and the rest of the group to fend for themselves several miles and 6,000 vertical feet from the nearest sign of civilization. Thus it was that the company of inexperienced hikers was caught unprepared in a fierce mountain blizzard. Luckily, the group came across a small cabin on the way to the summit and was able to take refuge from the storm. Their relief was short-lived, however, for they lacked food and extra clothing to preserve their strength and keep warm. The storm raged for two whole days, unabated, binding them within the small confines of the cabin. When by the third day the blizzard showed no signs of letting up, the Rutteman brothers knew they could afford to wait no longer. Alone, the two men ventured forth from the relative safety of the cabin and, after much struggling, managed to reach the summit.

Here Rutteman paused in recounting his story, momentarily at a loss for words. His eyes became glazed as his expression grew distant, and he seemed to be staring beyond the room at something only he could see. Not a member of the audience dared to break the silence as the older man struggled to find the words to describe the awe that the Pyrenees Mountains inspired in him and his brother on that day long ago, in that moment when the weather finally cleared and the range was bared before their disbelieving eyes.

“It was undoubtedly the most memorable moment of my adventure,” he said. “It was beautiful.”

That same day, the brothers hiked down the other side of the peak and found themselves in Spain. There they met a shepherd who was kind enough to give them bread and

wine, for which the two were extremely grateful after three days of eating nothing. Just when things were looking up, however, their moments of respite proved fleeting once again. The Rutteman brothers had not yet ventured deep into Spanish territory before they were arrested for failure to produce the required border passes upon demand. Thus began an all-expenses-paid tour of some of Spain’s prisons.

Courtesy of Francisco Franco, the Rutteman brothers enjoyed stays at four jails in less than three months. Upon their release, the brothers set out for Gibraltar, where they were picked up by a British convoy and transported to England.

Six months after the start of his incredible journey, Rutteman finally found himself standing in London alongside his brother. Between the two of them they had endured the cruelty of a Nazi concentration camp, four Spanish prisons and the constant danger of discovery and

apprehension at the hands of the Gestapo. This would not be the end of their adventure, however. No sooner had they arrived in London than the two brothers joined the Allied Forces in the war against Hitler’s Nazi Germany. They were even part of the fifth offensive wave in the invasion of Normandy.

Of the original 35 people who had undertaken the pilgrimage through the Pyrenees Mountains, Maarten and Edu were two of only 15 survivors. According to Rutteman, many others had attempted over the years to escape via the same route, but most of those attempts ended in failure.

“Luck is the most important factor in these things,” he said with a shake of his head.

Maarten H. Rutteman was fortunate to have survived his ordeals in German-occupied Europe. The members of the NHC audience were fortunate to learn from a man of such greatness of spirit.

Brief student profiles from a journalism class: Beer Man on campus

By Shari Morlock

Chuck Foster, whose nickname is “Beer Man,” comes from Bedford Hills, N.Y., which is right outside of New York City. He is pursuing a degree in communication with a minor in marketing. This past summer he interned for the NBC “Today” show. His position included running errands and doing research for the show and its hosts. After graduation he would like to go into

Moving around

By Ausra Kubilius

Brazil. Italy. New Jersey. Hong Kong. Japan. Australia. South Africa. New York City. New Hampshire College.

Why NHC? “I’ve been in so many hotels in my life I thought the hotel major was for me and NHC has a good program,” said Marcos Carvalho, a junior at the college. He has traveled so much because his father is a vice president at Reuters, the international wire service, and his mother likes to move every few

broadcast production and research.

Chuck, 21, is currently the president of ZBT fraternity. He is also the vice president of IGC, the Inter Greek Council. He has received an award from New Hampshire College for emerging leadership.

In his spare time Chuck likes to collect antiques. His favorite movie is “Animal House” and his favorite artist is Jimmy Buffet.

years.

Marcos has moved within NHC too – from majoring in hotel/restaurant to marketing to communication to the new program in public relations. He has much relevant work experience already – from financial PR to a party for Jennifer Lopez at Halo in Manhattan. No wonder his favorite quote is “When you’re dying in bed will you be able to look back and smile?”



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What is your solution to the parking problem on campus?

By Ben DeGennaro



Shawn Burke
Freshman 3-Year Business
Administration Major
“Split-level garage.”



Ben DeGennaro
Senior 3-Year Business
Administration Major
“Allow residents to use
the front lot.”

Sue Anderson
Junior
Accounting Major
“Build a lot anywhere
but down the hill.”



Lorry P. Cloutier
Freshman 3-Year Business
Administration Major
“Split-level garage across the street.”



Jared Hawkins
Freshman Culinary Arts Major
“Don’t let commuters park in the resident
areas.”



Luke Carito and Dicky Day
Freshman 3-Year Business
Administration Majors
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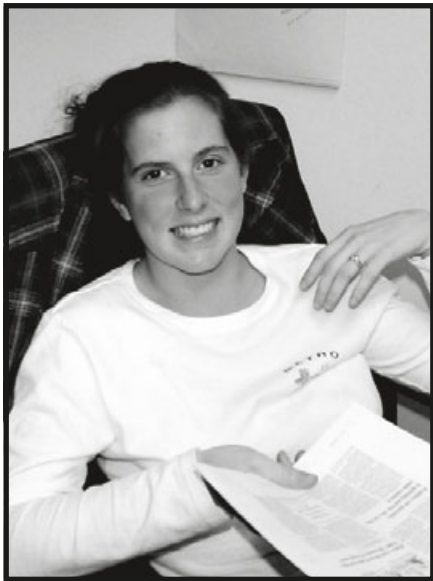
Scott Neville
Freshman Accounting/Finance
Major
“What problem? I don’t have a car, so it doesn’t bother me.”



Jeremy Myers
Freshman 3-Year Business
Administration Major
“Level the ghetto.”



Katie McKenney and Shane Paciello
Freshmen 3-Year Business
Administration Majors
“Level the ghetto!”



Shana Longey
Junior English
Education Major
“Not allow freshmen to have cars on campus.”



KIA
“No space for me!”

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Surf.the.Net

By Ben DeGennaro

College is now in full swing, which means that term paper time is approaching. I hope you’ve picked your topic and begun your research. I have compiled a list of sites that may help you.

Several encyclopedias are online, the most prominent being Encyclopedia Britannica, Grolier and Funk and Wagnalls. Encyclopedia Britannica is free for students of all ages at (<http://www.eb.com>). Grolier is available at (<http://www.grolier.com>). Funk and Wagnalls is available at (<http://www.funkandwagnalls.com>). Besides an encyclopedia, Funk and Wagnalls boasts a dictionary, thesaurus, world atlas, world news and an animal book. Another fantastic site is Encyberpedia (<http://www.encyberpedia.com>). Encyberpedia offers links to tons of valuable resources. Be sure to check it out.

If you’re having trouble in a class and not sure how something works, then check out How Stuff Works at (<http://www.howstuffworks.com>). Find out how computers work, how the body digests food, how nuclear radiation works and how bread works.

Internet Tools (<http://www.itools.com>) is a great site for a variety of topics. If you are wondering when the next solar eclipse will be or when the next full moon will be, then be sure to check out the Farmer’s Almanac (<http://www.almanac.com>). If you’re having a bad day and need a pick-me-up, check out Motivational Quotes (<http://www.motivateus.com>).

Other great resources for term papers are The Reference (<http://www.thereference.com>), Virtual Reference Desk (<http://www.refdesk.com>), the Philosophy Encyclopedia (<http://www.plato.stanford.edu>) and WorldBook (<http://www.worldbook.com>).

A few professors on campus have created extensive websites for their classes. Be sure to ask your professor if s/he has a website. In addition to Distance Education, some faculty post their syllabi online as well as class resources.

In addition to these great reference sites, I wanted to let you know about The Observer’s new website, which was posted about two weeks ago. Besides deadline dates for articles and advertising and individual staff websites, we have a news feed. The news changes daily so it is always up-to-date. Be sure to check out our new home on the web: (<http://www.nhcobserver.org>).

As always, please feel free to email me with any ideas or comments about my articles. I am open to suggestions and appreciate your feedback. I can be reached at Ben@nhcobserver.org.

Newly-passed legislation aims to protect students against scholarship scams

Tribune Media Services

Congress has given the green light to a bill allowing the federal government to crack down on companies that have scammed students through false promises of non-existent grants and scholarship funds.

Passed last November by the Senate and expected to receive President Clinton’s approval, the College Scholarship Prevention Act of 1999 would allow the government to pursue criminal charges as well as civil damages against companies offering fraudulent services.

“Scholarships, grant aid, student loans and other forms of financial assistance have long assisted our nation’s college students in pursuing a postsecondary education,” said Rep. William Goodling (R-Pa.). “Unfortunately, not all scholarship offers are legitimate. Phony scholarship offerings, scams and other fraudulent offerings do great harm to our nation’s students who are searching for ways to help pay the ever-increasing costs of a college education.”

Rep. Dale Kildee (D-Mich.) noted that fraudulent scholarships and grants rob roughly 350,000 students and their families of more than \$5 million a year.

“Often these fraudulent companies guarantee scholarships in exchange for an advanced fee,” he said. “Other times they trick students into divulging their checking account numbers and access their accounts without their consent.”

The passage of the bill is owed at least in part to the Federal Trade Commission’s “Project Scholarscam,” instituted in the fall of 1996 and designed to penalize companies caught scamming students.

But while the FTC can punish fraudulent companies

through civil damages and by disallowing telemarketing rights and scholarship service rights, it does not possess the power to prosecute the companies for what, as most victims would argue without hesitation, are criminal acts.

“Tough penalties are needed for these scam artists,” said Federal Trade Commissioner Sheila F. Anthony. “The civil remedies afforded by an FTC action can deprive defendants of their ill-gotten gain through restitution, but only if the victims’ money can be found. The penalties resulting from criminal prosecutions by the U.S. Department of Justice and state authorities send the strongest possible message.”

“Our political system depends on an educated citizenry who are able to make informed decisions,” said Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich.), who sponsored the bill. “It is clear that what this bill will do is in fact provide protection for the most vulnerable members of our community, needy students and their families, more than ever before.”

The act also requires the Department of Education, in conjunction with the FTC, to establish an online directory of legitimate scholarship resources, so that students and their families can avoid trouble in the first place. The site would also provide visitors with information about (and names of) fraudulent companies, as well as allow students and parents to share their own experiences, for better or worse.

According to the College Board, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to informing and inspiring would-be college students, students collected an estimated \$64.1 billion in scholarships, grants, loans, and aid for the 1998-99 academic year.

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A spark in Stark Hall

By Richard Victorino

An alarm clock whines its unbearable cry to those unfortunate souls cursed with 8 o'clock classes, marking a new day at New Hampshire College. Yet, as we contemplate getting up, wrestle with the thought of caf food *this* early, and walk aimlessly to our classes, do any of us give thought to the people on this campus who wake up this early and don't even have class?

How about late at night, weekday or weekend, as we're hanging out with friends or cramming in some prime studying time. There are the few, the proud who are elsewhere on this campus. There are students who go to Stark Hall regularly, even when their schedules tell them they don't have to be there. Who are these crazy people?

Welcome to the rebirth of RadioNHC, 21st-century style. With the tireless efforts of Ben Peirce, Jen Forrester, Paul Merritt and Dusty Salzberger, our small campus is beginning to look like the university it's soon to become.

Not in years has this campus had the luxury of its very own radio station. With that many years gone by, you may have noticed something different about radio at NHC. Instead of hearing music through FM, RadioNHC has seized the future by broadcasting through the Internet. By just logging onto either www.nhc.edu/radionhc or www.webradio.com and entering the call letters NHC, you can tap into the action of Stark 1-A from Washington Hall to Sydney, Australia. Disc Jockeys such as NHC basketball star Yannis Foutsitzis have

taken advantage of the Internet aspect of RadioNHC. His show Tuesday mornings at 8 is listened to by his family, 13 hours away in Greece.

There are also many new attractions to RadioNHC this year. Last year, the station was located in Merrimack in the lower suites. This year it's become a part of the day-to-day activities of the student body by moving to Stark 1 and 1-A. This way, students can see and hear the action between classes and even step into the studio for their own 15 minutes of fame if they'd like.

Also new to the mix are phone-to-sound interface capabilities. This is radio jargon for saying that phone calls can be put on the air, giving the listeners the opportunity to be a part of the broadcast. Newcomer to the staff Rico Ratcliff will be maintaining the website so that students can know what's going on with their station, as well as who's on at what time. A promotions team and a sales team have been formed this year. These two

teams are not only vital but also help students who are on the teams to fully understand what it takes to run the station.

As for the future of RadioNHC, the sky is the limit. General Manager Peirce is working hard with advisor Tom Helm to put the station on FM frequency within the next year and a half. There will also be contests held with prizes given away to listeners.

One thing that does stay true is that this station is here for you, the NHC students. Support RadioNHC by listening, calling in some requests or joining. There are many tasks that need to be accomplished to keep this station going. Perhaps there is something at RadioNHC that may interest you.

You can contact the station at 4695 (on-campus) or 603-629-4695 (off-campus). If you are interested in joining the station or looking for more information, call either Ben Peirce at 626-9491 or Jen Forrester at 626-9479.



<http://www.nhc.edu/radionhc>

Fine dining at NHC

By Matt Melvin

On Friday, Sept. 22, I had lunch at The Hospitality Center Restaurant at New Hampshire College. I ate with two Hospitality professors and a fellow student.

When I walked into the restaurant, I heard elegant music playing in the background. I was seated and in front of me were the main courses for the Latin American cuisine that was served that week. To the right was the dessert counter. The item that stood out was the San-Seared chicken, served with honey adobo chipotle sauce and with rice pilaf and green beans.

I found the chicken to be spicy, which I didn't mind. The meal came to \$16 for each of us. We left the waiter a tip; we all understood he was not getting paid because culinary students are expected to wait tables as part of their lab.

The restaurant is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 to 2 for lunch and Wednesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 for dinner. A bistro menu is served at lunch and Wednesday dinner. On October 12 the restaurant will serve Middle East food. A Bavarian cuisine will be served on October 26. On November 9 the culinary students will be serving Far East cuisine, and on November 16 and 17 the Italian cuisine will be featured. The Italian cuisine is my favorite. Reservations must be made two weeks in advance to guarantee you a seat and can be made by calling Julie Rain at 644-3128 from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

After I left the restaurant, I asked some people how they thought the food was. One response was "the food was wonderful and delicious." A gentleman said he "loves the place." A woman said "the caf  mocha was excellent and the cooked salmon was outstanding." The next question was about the service. One gentleman said, "The service was excellent"; another woman said it was "fine." A gentleman said, "The service was attentive and accommodating." I then asked another group of guests about the atmosphere of the restaurant. One person said, "It was lovely." A gentleman said, "The music was a bit too loud." I finally asked five people if they would recommend the restaurant. They unanimously agreed it was a terrific dining experience.

Thoroughly Thoreau

By Geoff Morgan

Tom Blanding, an authority on the works of Henry David Thoreau and a former president of the Thoreau Society, was invited to New Hampshire College by Spectrum Series coordinator Professor Charles Wilbert to share his knowledge of the remarkable man. More specifically, Blanding was asked to discuss the book *Cape Cod*, one of Thoreau’s most prominent works.

In the AV Studio last Friday night, Sept. 29, Blanding recounted the experiences that led to the publication of the novel. He said Thoreau had visited the Cape several times, often to stroll along the shoreline and to stare out into the ocean, which is representative of the realm of mystery in his book. On one such occasion, he came across the aftermath of a shipwreck that had occurred not far off shore. One of the chapters in *Cape Cod* recounts how he wades into the sea on that day and glances casually about him at the mass of floating bodies drifting slowly toward the beach, saying “What are they but friends to the worms?”

It might seem like a cold thing to say, but Blanding came to his defense by explaining that Thoreau was possessed of a duality of spirit that allowed him to perceive things with such objective detachment as to seem insensitive at times. It is this same sense of detachment that permeates most of his works, not just *Cape Cod*, said Blanding.

Throughout his presentation, Blanding wove in details of the life of the famous writer. The audience learned how Thoreau was first exposed to Ralph Waldo Emerson’s “Nature” while attending Harvard University in the late 1830s. It was then, in 1837, that Thoreau finally made the decision to become a writer at twenty years of age.

His first work, *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers*, was published in 1849. Although a commercial flop at the time, the book is now revered by transcendentalist phi-

losophers and historians. It is one of only two pieces published within the man’s lifetime, the other being *Walden* (1854), perhaps the most well known of his works. *Cape Cod* and all other manuscripts written by his hand were published posthumously by his sister and friends of the family, according to Blanding.

It was revealed that for a man who has been quoted as saying “Staying home is the heavenly way,” Thoreau traveled quite a bit. In addition to his trips to Cape Cod, he journeyed to Canada, visited all of the northeastern states and explored the White Mountains with his brother John in 1939. “In his works,” said Blanding, “traveling is a metaphor for inner exploration and self-discovery.” Later, Thoreau revised his original statement and said that “Coming home with the harvest of one’s adventures is the heavenly way.”

Even though it wasn’t much of an adventure in the conventional sense, attending Blanding’s lecture was a rewarding experience. For those of you who weren’t able to attend, Blanding did have one very important message. When asked what he thought the most critical thing was somebody should understand after having been exposed to the works of Thoreau, he responded with the following: “I think the most valuable thing is to see the world through his eyes, and to get an alternative view of the world. Learn to experience things from different angles.”

Experience things from different angles. That’s the trick, isn’t it? How we approach and react to the everyday events that happen in our lives more or less defines who we are as human beings. How can we do as Blanding advises us when there is nothing more difficult than stepping outside of who you perceive yourself to be? It’s no easy task, but then the road to enlightenment is not a walk in the park either. Still, in the spirit of Transcendentalism, Thoreau would want us to try.

Horoscopes

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — This is not a good travel day for you. The good news is that your friends and partner are eager to help. You might not have to run all over town to get what you need. Ask them to get it for you while they’re out.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — A fool and his or her money are soon parted. That could happen to you if you take a friend’s advice. This person is kind, sweet and gentle, but not your best financial adviser. Following emotions when betting won’t work that well, either.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — You may feel like you’re on a teeter-totter. Somebody else is making changes that affect you, but you’re not sure they’re changes you want. Speak up. Share your experience so the other person doesn’t have to learn the hard way — like you did!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Lots of things are unsure today, but one thing’s certain. If you travel far, your odds of taking a detour or suffering through traffic are high. Do yourself a favor. Make a phone call, instead. If you need something, have it delivered or mailed to you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although a loved one or good friend suggests a long shot, decline. A risky proposition is not likely to benefit you. It could cost you a lot. Instead of speculating, study. That’s an excellent investment of your time.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You’re good at setting priorities and staying on schedule. You’ll be a big help to others. Somebody who goofs up could actually do you a favor. Keep the boss’s interests in mind and be ready to move quickly. More responsibility could mean a fatter paycheck.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — You may wish you could stay in bed, and that’s not a bad idea. Keep travel to a minimum. Keep in contact with your sweetheart even if it’s electronically. That’ll keep your spirits up.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — A romantic rendezvous is liable to run into difficulties. For instance, you could commute for an hour to make the date, and then realize you’re on the wrong train. Stay home. Schedule your date for tomorrow.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — An annoying person could make your life miserable. This yahoo keeps arguing with you. Even worse, quite often he or she is right. If you’re wise, you’ll give up and take notes. Save your pride for later.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Avoid a difficult situation by staying out of the way. Don’t offer helpful suggestions, either. A new idea of yours could backfire and make a bigger mess. Let somebody else do it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You might come through a difficult situation smelling like a rose. If you do, it’s because you’ve learned not to become emotionally attached to money. Either that, or you’ve got the good sense not to bet any more than you can afford to lose.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Others may think you have more going on than you can handle. From your point of view, it’s not that bad; you have a friend you can call in times of need. You might want to place that call early. Make it as easy on yourself as possible.

CREATIVITY PAGE

The Demon Song

By Geoff Morgan

(Prelude)

For over one thousand years I have been watching, waiting for the end to come. At times it almost seems as if their numbers have begun to dwindle, and I sense with some hidden satisfaction that I am partly to blame for this. At times it almost seems as if I am winning, regardless of whether my efforts are misguided or not. This pattern is cyclic, for with each and every passing of the wheel comes the most disheartening realization that I have only succeeded in fooling myself once again.

A creature born of both Heaven and Hell, mine is the power of both of these realms. I have long since sworn to see the Dark destroyed and beaten by the Light, for I have gazed deeply upon the face of each, and I know which one is the fairer. It is my sole ambition to erase the touch of evil that has so tainted this world and to do so in the name of all that is good. Yet how can I ever truly realize this dream when my own curious existence is comprised of the essences of both? How could I ever destroy one or the other without finally destroying myself? One might think that someone as old as I am would have long since found all of the answers, but in truth I have learned very few. For some time now I have firmly believed that the solutions to the riddles that have plagued men's minds for ages are not so important to us as the questions themselves.

I am not certain of how I will defeat the Dark, but I do know that something needs to be done. And so I will continue to wage my own war against the minions of Hell, to devote my eternal life to the eradication of a vileness so grave as to be beyond mortal comprehension, an evil that I harbor deep within my own soul.

Monsters of incredible strength and savagery, the Dark Ones are nigh invulnerable, impervious to conventional weaponry. They are anathema to all of Mankind; they are the Demons that feast upon the souls of the living. I do what I can to save the Light's children, yet people die despite my efforts. I must admit that, to this

very day, I am uncertain as to how this should make me feel. For creatures supposedly conceived by the grace of our Creator, the human species seems strangely determined to maintain a course of self-destruction. In the light of this disturbing observation, I often find myself wondering to what end my eternal vigilance serves. At times, I am guilty of asking myself why I even try.

The humans are not evil in the ways that those that seek to prey upon them are, and yet they are not all good in the ways that I might imagine beings of the Light should be. I do not understand what it is about them that makes one human turn against another, or why for that matter they would seek to harm any of the Creator's creatures unnecessarily. They differ from each other in ways that I cannot even begin to comprehend. Their behaviors, their personalities... nothing is the same. Just when I think that I have begun to understand them, they never fail to surprise me. Deep down I know that I will never solve these mysteries, for my own humanity was taken from me one thousand years ago.

Sometimes I wonder what it would be like to feel the kind of emotion that a human heart feels, and to experience the peace of mind that some humans are fortunate enough to have known. Of course, I know that I will possess neither of these two things until the impossible has been achieved and balance has been restored to this world. Though I often like to pretend that things could be so much different from the way that they are now, I simply cannot refute the fact that this is the way it was always meant to be.

Only one thing gives me the strength that I need to endure my sentence of eternal strife, and that is the solemnity of my vow. I will fight and kill for as long as the shadow of the Dark threatens to swallow the world, and I will continue to do so alone. The Dark Ones find me wherever I go, but that hardly matters to me. So long as the trail is only wide enough for one, they will find me more than ready when they come bounding around the bend. Loneliness is the path that I know I must travel, though I wish that it could be otherwise. Alone I stand

in the world of Man, for only I can dance to the Demon Song.

-Val'Dalleron

Prologue

In Val'Darra, the Beginning, Darkness was created by the Light. At the same time allied and yet irrevocably opposed, it is the constant struggle between these two forces that drives the world of Man. Like two giant gears turning the hands of a clock, the Light and the Dark grind together to forever turn the hands of time. From the desolation of eternal war sprout the seeds of everlasting life.

Human lives were lived upon this world. Legacies were passed down from generation to generation, and society began to grow and eventually even thrived. Men and women dominated their world together, yet humanity knew not the true nature of its being. Humanity knew not of the Light from which it had been born, from whence all things had come. Humanity knew not of the Light's other half, without which there could be no death, and therefore no rebirth, and thus no meaning in life. Humanity knew nothing of the Dark... until the Demons came.

From out of the shadows they came running, mouths split wide in hideous grins and red eyes aglow with evil fire. Down they swooped upon the human masses, claws ripping and fangs tearing. Souls screamed as their bodies were devoured. Men, women and even small children all perished by the thousands, never to be born again.

No one knew how or why the Demons came to be, only that the threat was constant and very real. Knowing this, and knowing too that they could not face this enemy alone, the humans heeded their instincts for survival. Gathering at seven key locations about the surface of the land, they founded the vast colonies that would one day become the Seven Great City-Nations of the World. Necessity drove the people on to develop the technology with which they could defend themselves.

Weapons of great power were created and put to use, and for a time it seemed as if the humans had turned back the tides of the Demon invasions. Peace settled over the lands like a gently falling veil. Society looked for inspirations other than fear from which it could thrive

once more. The people's morale soared, and the colonies continued to expand...

In the end it was Humanity's own false hopes that left it blinded and unprepared for the evil that would threaten to bring about its final destruction. As the entire world bore witness to the ascension of its reign, Society raced unchecked towards the very brink of doom.

Far to the North, in the vast wilderness lands of Val'Sarras, a mysterious creature emerged. Although it appeared as nothing more than a small, human child, this creature quickly earned the fear and respect of those who happened to cross its path. This child was possessed of powers the likes of which no one had seen before, or so the rumors said. It wandered the land alone and unafraid of the things that lurked menacingly within sylvan shadows, shadows darker than the night itself.

In these times a human settlement in "the Outside" was not so rare a thing. The Val'Sarrase lived within their isolated communities, stubbornly refusing to abandon years of unsoiled tradition in the face of the Demon threat. More than one such village reported seeing this child, a small boy who came and went as freely as the wind and feared not the darkness of a moonless night.

Despite the few folk that claimed to have witnessed this spectacle for themselves, the city dwellers in general remained skeptical to the tales. They were not so receptive to mere whisperings of rumor, and laughed at the absurdity of a child braving the untamed regions of the Outside alone.

The Val'Sarrase responded with adamant claims that this was no ordinary child, for it was common knowledge among the Outsiders that this boy -whom the city dwellers were so quick to dismiss as nothing more than fantasy- was in fact humanity's greatest hope for survival. They insisted that the child was not really a child at all, but a being far more powerful than anyone could have imagined. He killed Demons, they would say. They would say that he slew them with powers just as demonic as their own, and with a remarkable staff that he always carried by his side. He neither slept nor ate and rarely ever spoke, or so the stories told. What words he did share with the wilderness people of Val'Sarras were devoted mostly to

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OPINION

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Let your opinion count -- vote

By Nicole Sirote

Good News

By Mark Williams

“But the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action” (Daniel 11:32a). God expects that we, as Christians, will present ourselves to the world as Jesus would; we are to be examples of charity, peace and love. But as Daniel explained we must not only “stand firm” in our faith, we must “take action.” This is encouragement to get involved in the salvation of unbelievers. Jesus said “you are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid” (Matthew 5:14). We are called to share the Gospel of Jesus’ saving grace with everyone we meet and not let the most amazing person in our life and His perfect gift of love go unnoticed. The only way to do this is to get involved in the work of the Holy Spirit.

By joining other Christians, we can strengthen each other and go out united in God to share the gift of eternal life that Jesus has made possible by His sacrifice on the cross. Get involved! Join a Bible study! Invite your friends to church! We have been commissioned by Jesus! “Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Matthew 28:19).

As of this semester there are no Protestant services on campus at NHC. There are, however, many Bible-teaching, Jesus-loving churches in the area that are eager to share God and His blessings with you. A relationship with Jesus is nothing to be afraid of. It is, in fact, the only thing you need to help you through this life. Money, possessions and people will let you down—that’s life—but Jesus loves you more than you can possibly imagine and all He wants is to be there for you when there’s nowhere else to turn. You can turn your life over to the Lord Jesus Christ right now by praying this simple prayer: “Dear Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died in my place because of my sins. I want to turn from my sins and invite You into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior.”

If you prayed this prayer, God has prepared a place for you in Heaven! The Bible says “for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:23) and “he that has the Son has life, and he that has not the Son of God has not life. These things I have written to you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God” (1 John 5:12-13). But don’t stop there! Meet other Christians who can help you stand for your new faith in Jesus and show you how to lead others to Christ. Jesus never promised that the Christian life would be easy but He did say, “I am with you always, even to the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20).

With the upcoming elections less than two months away, I was excited to take advantage of the opportunity of going to see Al Gore speak. Receiving an invitation to see the current Vice President of the United States speak seemed to be interesting and on Wednesday, Sept. 13, I went to the city’s Town Hall in downtown Manchester and waited patiently beside many important politicians and hopeful candidates in this year’s upcoming election.

The election will be held Nov. 7 across the country. It is important to me to be able to vote for the first time, as one of many youth will have their first chance to be able to express an opinion on who will be in charge of our country for the next four years. Politics never was something I was interested in until I volunteered at a political convention last year. I was privileged enough to see many of the candidates who are no longer running, and it made me realize I am just one of the many young Americans who will be the next generation to vote and make decisions. These decisions will affect the outcome in future years of this country, yet many adults my age don’t stop to think about how important this election is.

The moment came after three hours of waiting. Gore spoke on many issues such as health care for the elderly, lowering college tuition and abortion. He told the audience about a woman he visited who didn’t have enough money to buy her medicine because she was on so many medications; he spoke of how this is one of many issues he wanted to change in the current health care system for the elderly. In addition he spoke about getting the proper cost for college tuition for high school students to be able to afford college. I would like to see that happen. Last, he mentioned his stance on abortion and how he is pro-choice.

Listening to Gore speak was important to me because if he is the next president of the United States then I can say that I shook his hand and saw him speak. Not many students my age can say they were able to meet the President of the United States. So for those of you who haven’t registered to vote or haven’t filed an absentee ballot, get out there and don’t lose your chance to have the privilege of voting for the country’s next president, whoever it may be you choose.

The Demon Song

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the proclamation of his mission. He believed that it was his destiny to destroy all of Demonkind.

The child took for himself a name that was no name at all, but a title of dreadful portent for the denizens of Darkness. In the forgotten tongue of the ancients did he call himself Val’Dalleron, *the Bane of the Dark*. Those villagers who honestly believed in his existence swore that the title was well deserved, but their proclamations were ignored.

The city-dwellers laughed at the awed Outsiders, scorning them both for their stubbornness and for their delusive superstitions. Their

leaders dictated that none should set foot into the wilderness of Val’Sarras, and all communication between the two peoples was lost forevermore. In time, the Val’Sarrase, the Outsiders, were nearly forgotten altogether. They became yet another mysterious legend of the past, much like the Demons that were said to have destroyed them. And of the memory of Val’Dalleron, the mysterious wanderer of Val’Sarras, nothing did remain.

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Clinton touts drop in student loan default rate

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Somewhere between Psychology 101 and a college degree, students are becoming more financially responsible.

The national default rate on student loans is at an all-time low of 6.9 percent, President Bill Clinton announced Monday. Students defaulted about 22.4 percent of student loans in 1992.

University of Missouri senior Robin Levy graduates in December and said that she plans on paying her loans back before they are due.

"I'm not planning on defaulting," Levy said. "In the financial aid exit session they sat us down and said, 'In nine months you'll owe this much for five years.' I was thinking, 'OK, that's not a problem.'"

Levy said she thinks the decrease in defaults is because of a high rate of consumer confidence in the economy.

"Everybody is getting jobs right out of school," Levy said. "They have the cash to pay their loans back."

The drop might look good on paper, however about one-half of the 1.9 percentage-point decrease from last year is due to a wording change. A 1998 law was implemented that

raises the default standard from 180 days to 270 days without payment.

"The trick was how to figure out how to get more people to go to college and do a better job of collecting on the student loans," Clinton said at a press conference with Education Secretary Richard Riley. "And get people to be more responsible in discharging their student loans."

The 6.9 percent default rate includes statistics on students who began repaying their loans during fiscal year 1998 and defaulted before the end of fiscal year 1999. This year's rate encompasses about 7,000 schools. Clinton also called on Congress to look at creating the College Opportunity Tax Cut and to expand GEAR UP programming, which benefits at-risk youths.

"It (Congress) underfunds our GEAR UP program to get disadvantaged students focused on and prepared for college," Clinton said.

The increase in loan repayment is due to the strong economy, more scholarship and tax credits, efforts to educate students about their loan repay-

ment responsibilities, the U.S. Department of Education's removal of unscrupulous schools from the program and flexible repayment plans, the Clinton administration said.

One of these repayment plans works on a sliding scale, allowing graduates to adjust their monthly payments depending on their income.

"I found a lot of young people who wanted to be teachers, or police officers or nurses," Clinton said. "Instead they were taking jobs that they found less

rewarding, but paid more money so the could meet their loan repayment schedule."

Investing in education can turn schools around, Clinton said.

"You improve student achievement and get more of our young people going to college," Clinton said. "And, as we've seen today in stunning fashion, make the student loan program work better for more students, and for the American taxpayers as well."

The Clinton administration estimates that the drop in student loan defaults and student loan reforms have saved taxpayers about \$27 billion since 1993.

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Sports tids and bits

By Nick Coates

As the summer fades away from our memories and autumn creeps into our existence, the campus of New Hampshire College has seen the passing and introduction of faces and programs on campus. While the traditional sports we watch and play in the fall will remain soccer and volleyball, among others, the old standbys welcome a few new-borns to the athletic family.

Just as the trees and their leaves change from that youthful green to the older brother reds and wiser sister yellows, so have a few members of the coaching staffs at NHC.

And with these changes comes the venue in which they are played.

As has been well-noticed and well-documented, there have been changes to our Athletic Center with still more planned for the coming months and years. There are changes being made to the Athletic Center to increase the capacities of the weight-lifting and exercise facilities and plans for reconstructing the outside facilities.

The college is making a commitment to the newly added men's and women's tennis teams.

This overhaul comes in conjunction with NHC's new affiliation with the Northeast-10 Conference. Starting this school year the NE-10 consists of 15 institutions.

Five institutions have been added this year, including Franklin Pierce, UMass Lowell, Southern Connecticut State, the College of Saint Rose and NHC. In its 20th year, the Northeast-10 has established itself as one of the premier all-around Division II conferences in the nation; it includes schools from Massachusetts, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

What this means for NHC athletic programs is two things: new teams to play and more competition amongst the teams.

For an athletic program that strives to be among the top in NCAA Division II, the conference should help NHC attract an even higher caliber of athlete and force the teams to play at a higher level.

With NHC making the move to the Northeast-10, three new programs have been added to the mix.

The term "new" should be used loosely, however.

While they are new for this season and beyond, the sports of tennis and golf have really just been reinstated after a layoff.

For the first time since the

late 1970s NHC will be fielding a golf team, while a women's tennis team is back after last competing during 1990-91.

Both fall sports will play a modified schedule this season with the intention of adding more dates in future seasons. And the turnout for both teams was solid considering the limited time both had to prepare.

"We held an informal meeting for anyone interested in joining the team last spring and close to 20 students showed up," said Athletic Director Chip Polak when speaking of the golf team.

With the new programs coming on board there was obviously a need to fill coaching positions. And true to form, NHC didn't have to look very far to fill these slots.

Brian Horan, a lifelong resident of Manchester and 1971 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, was tabbed to coach both the men's and women's tennis teams. Horan's last coaching job came as the head coach of the Manchester Central High School girls' varsity team from 1995-97. While there, Horan amassed a 44-10 record, including a Class L title and an undefeated record in 1995.

He has also been a member of the U.S. Tennis Association since 1985 and associated with the Algonquin Tennis Center for the past six years.

"Tennis is a tough game to learn and it is easy to try and overteach the game, especially to a first-time player. I prefer to minimize the verbiage with my players until they are ripe to learn more," Horan said.

Joining him as a new member on board is new golf coach Jozef Maston. A 1990 graduate of Manchester West High School, Maston played three years of Division I golf at Central Florida University and currently serves as Director of Northeast Golf Operations for the VIP Golf Academy.

With the VIP, Mazton also serves as a PGA Professional for the Academy's Tampa, Fla., location during the winter. During the summer and fall he returns to New Hampshire to head up the golf school at Legends Golf in Hooksett.

On the subject of coaches, NHC also made a few changes in the off-season. In are John Vaughn for women's volleyball and Paul Dutton for men's cross country.

First Vaughn.

A 1978 graduate of Providence College, Vaughn replaces

Christine Watkins who served as the team's head coach for the past seasons. He becomes the 10th coach in the 24-year history of the program.

He has 18 years of coaching experience, including 14 as the girls' varsity volleyball coach at Manchester Central. For his efforts, he was named Class L Coach of the Year twice, including last season.

He has spent the last three years with Seacoast Volleyball but also won state titles with Hardrock Volleyball out of Milford, N.H.

Dutton is, not surprisingly, also a local product. A 1997 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, he becomes the second head coach in the program's three-year history.

Dutton succeeds Ed Daniels, who was instrumental in establishing men's cross country as a varsity sport at NHC and was the program's head coach since its start

Too many ties

By Nick Coates

How did that old saying go?
Even Steven?
Was that it?

Use any cheesy 80's aphorism you want (we'll hold back on this one!), the name of the game for New Hampshire College's men's soccer team this year has been "close but no cigar."

OK, OK, we promised!

But the truth is that through their first eight games the Penmen have tied just as many games as they had in the past two seasons combined. Standing at 2-2-4, NHC defense hasn't been the problem (they've only let in seven goals to this point), but it's the offense that has struggled in finishing off.

Despite having a number of good scoring opportunities the Penmen have either been robbed by a key save here, a hit crossbar there or a referee's whistle. The results — only 11 goals through their eight games.

Notwithstanding, the Penmen are due for a break in the schedule after facing some tougher opponents early. And, considering the move to a new and more competitive conference this season, the Northeast-10, NHC may be ready to get out of the adjusting stage.

After opening the season with a 4-0 win over Bridgeport and 0-0 tie against East Stroudsburg in the Labor Day Tournament here, third-year coach Tom Poitras' team has managed three straight 1-1 overtime ties. Included among those was against nemesis Southern Connecticut State nearly two weeks ago and a pesky UMass Lowell squad in

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in 1997.

While at UNH, Dutton was a four-year member of the cross country and track and field teams. He served as a team captain for both teams as a junior and senior. A four-time North Atlantic Conference scholar-athlete, he also serves as an assistant coach for the cross country and track teams at Londonderry (N.H.) High School.

And finally.

AD Polak was appointed the national chairman of the NCAA Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee. The appointment was made over the summer during the committee's annual meeting.

Polak has served as a member of the NCAA Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee since 1998. As national chairman he will oversee the selection of teams and be responsible for direction, supervision and administration of the Division II national championship game.

Lowell, Mass.

Keeper Tobias Svantesson has played all eight games in net and has been solid as always in turning away 29 shots. The defense behind him has allowed only 81 shots on goal while the offense has managed to put 113 on net.

Leading the offense has been All-American Richard Walker with six points, including four goals, while sophomore striker Matt Kagan follows right behind with three goals and two assists.

Junior Xolani Moshuge has also netted two goals for the season, including the game-tying goal against Southern Connecticut—a team the Penmen lost to twice last year. And sophomore Robby Vanrykel leads the team in assists with three.

NHC will next play against Saint Michael's on Thursday, Oct. 5, while their next home game will be against Stonehill on Oct. 9.

Update: The Penmen beat American International College 1-0 this past Saturday.



Eric Jay battles a Saint Anselm defender (Photo by Tom McDermott).

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Men's golf makes its return

By Nick Coates

Smack! Crack! Zing! Boom!

No, those aren't the sounds of the construction on campus this fall. But if you listen closely enough you can probably hear the clanking of the bags, the crunching of the spikes and the smacking of a new Titleist Professional, too.

What is it?

Those are the sounds you're probably hearing at the Candia Woods Golf Links as eight players and one coach are in the midst of tuning up for their golf match.

A golf match?

This is no ordinary golf match, mind you.

For the first time since a lot of its players were even born, a men's golf team is teeing up on the links to represent New Hampshire College this fall. In fact, it was a little over two weeks ago that the Penmen hit the course in a collegiate match for the first time since the late 1970s.

Anchored by golf guru and first-year head coach Jozef Maston, the blue and gold are playing a modified four-match schedule this season with the intention of expanding the program next year and beyond. The program's reinstatement is in conjunction with NHC's move into the Northeast-10 Conference.

As to matters on the course, as expected with any new program

there have been some struggles. But there have also been plenty of highlights.

The Penmen opened their season with a solid showing in a tri-match at the Far Corners Golf Club in West Boxford, Mass. NHC took a respectable third with a 344 behind Bentley (330) and Assumption (341).

Senior Sunny Sun and junior Kevin Bracken each shot 85's to lead the Penmen and place sixth overall in the match. Junior Travis Scheyd followed with an 86.

NHC looked to a familiar face for some leadership in its next match at the Northeast-10 Conference Championship. Sun again had a strong weekend on the par-71 Drumlins Golf Course in Syracuse, N.Y., this time with a two-day score of 122.

Sun placed first among NHC golfers and 18th overall after firing a 5-over par 76 during second round action (the fourth best score in that round). Sophomore Jerome Harty and Scheyd both placed 23rd overall with two-day scores of 124. Scheyd managed to shoot a team-best 41 during the rain-shortened first round.

Bryant College won the match with a 477 while NHC placed 10th, 22 strokes off the lead at a 499.

Up next for the Penmen is the Saint Anselm College Autumn Classic this Friday, Oct. 6.

women's tennis team. The move comes in harmony with the school's transit to the Northeast-10 Conference, and is also the first step toward revamping the entire tennis program at the school.

Along with the addition of both the women's and men's tennis teams, the school has made a commitment to tennis as a sport on campus. The college has plans on beginning what Athletic Director Chip Polak described as a "tennis center."

In the meantime, head coach Brian Horan will continue to lead eight players of varying levels through a five-match schedule that concludes in late October.

"As long as you are interested in learning the game of tennis, there will be a place for you on my team," explained Horan on the

The Observer college's website. "I enjoy playing the game and coaching gives me a chance to spread my enthusiasm for the sport," he said.

The Penwomen will officially join the Northeast-10 next season and have begun tuning up for that date. Their first step toward that came in a match against rival Saint Anselm late last week.

Saint Anselm's experience showed against a younger NHC team as the Saints dropped only four games overall. Junior Jean Brantley played well at No.3 singles for NHC despite a 6-0, 6-2 loss.

The No.1 doubles team of Jessica LaBrecque and Julie Hautanen also had a respectable showing.

NHC will play its third match of the season on October 9 at Merrimack College.

Penwomen volleyball off to sluggish start

By Nick Coates

As is the case in any rebuilding year, patience is required of anyone involved with the team.

But the good news is that help is on the way. And fast.

After three sub-par seasons under the leadership of Christine Dadducci (21-45 record overall) and a tough stretch without a winning season since 1980, New Hampshire College has turned to a prominent local volleyball name to turn the program around.

John Vaughn, a staple at Manchester Central High School for the past 14 years, has the honor of getting the program back on its feet—something Vaughn should have no problem with.

In his years as girls' volleyball coach at Central he led the Little Green to the Class L tournament 13 times and guided them to a state championship in 1990. He was named Class L coach of the year two times, including last season. He also has spent the past six years heavily involved in Junior Olympic volleyball.

While he and the team won't perform miracles overnight, there has already been a marked improvement over past years. After six matches NHC's record (1-5) hasn't reflected the change, but things are on the upswing.

The Penwomen dropped their first four matches by identical 3-0 scores but finally broke through against Daniel Webster with a 3-1



Veteran player Summer Carter returns this year to try and help her team better their record from last season (Photo by Tom McDermott).

win in Nashua. After losing the first set 15-5 the team rallied for 15-7, 15-11 and 15-10 victories to seal the win.

Earlier in the season, against a tough Bryant team, the Penwomen gave the Bulldogs some problems. Senior Kristina Kintzer had 11 kills and seven digs while senior Jen Basiliere added 11 assists in the 15-1, 15-8, 15-7 loss.

NHC next faces Stonehill College on Wednesday and will play at home on Oct. 7 against the College of St. Rose.

Baseball, softball tune up

By Nick Coates

Despite being in their off-seasons the New Hampshire College baseball and softball teams continue to tune up for the spring.

The baseball team opened up with doubleheader losses to city rival Saint Anselm (8-7 and 3-1) while the Penwomen dropped a 5-

1 decision to New Hampshire Tech. Both teams rebounded for wins in their next games as the Penmen defeated Merrimack, 19-9 (before losing 6-3 to Colby Sawyer in the nightcap), and the women drubbed Central Maine Tech, 10-0.

Both teams will remain in action until mid-October.

Women's tennis kicks off season

By Nick Coates

The question has been answered.

And the answer is...yes.

The trite yet appropriate phrase "tennis anyone?" has certainly

been answered with a more-than-favorable response by eight people on the campus of New Hampshire College this fall.

These eight people, for the first time since the 1990-91 school year, represent the college's

SPORTS

Cross Country runners compete

By Melissa Cowdrey

The 2000 cross country season has gotten off to a fairly good start with some personal records and first-time runners. The men's and women's cross country teams ran their season opener at St. Anselm College on Sept. 16 for the



Freshman Kristin Sidie has been the number one finisher for NHC in all of their meets so far (Photo by Tom McDermott).

Shacklette Invitational.

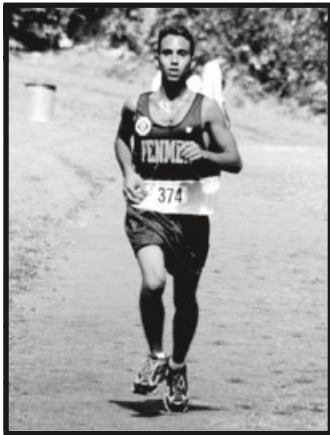
Freshman Kristen Sidie placed 1st for NHC with a time of 21:25 and placed 18th overall. She ran the fastest time ever by a NHC woman at St. Anselm and her time was the 4th fastest of a NHC woman

runner in the team's 6-year history. Senior Tara Cowdrey came in 47th overall with a time of 22:53, Melissa Cowdrey placed 66th overall with a personal-best time of 25:14. Sophomores Trish Merrill and Nicole Lessard placed 79th and 80th with times of 31:01 and 33:39. This was the first cross-country race for both of them. The team placed 7th out of 9 teams. The men didn't have enough runners to score as a team, but three NHC men came to run. Senior Shawn Gove came in 1st for NHC with a time of 33:11 and placed 53rd overall. Freshman Justin Kochanowski placed 65th overall with a time of 36:34. Senior Craig Martin placed

67th with a time of 39:19. He is also a first-time cross country runner.

On the following weekend, Sept. 23, only the women traveled to Gordon College for the Pop Crowell Invitational. The women had only 4 runners so they didn't score as a team. Sidie placed 17th overall with a time of 21:31. Tara Cowdrey placed 47th with a time of 23:11. Melissa Cowdrey placed 64th with a time of 24:31. This time was 43 seconds faster than her previous personal-best time of 25:14 set at Shacklette Invitational. Lessard, who placed 126th overall, also set a new personal-best time. She ran nearly three minutes faster with a time of 30:57.

Come support the NHC runners at their home meet on Oct. 13 at 4:30 p.m. The teams would love your support.



Freshman Justin Kochanowski ran a respectable 36:34 in his first collegiate race at St. A's Shacklette Invitational (Photo by Tom McDermott).

Different year, similar results

By Nick Coates

There must be something about the month of September that just doesn't like the New Hampshire College women's soccer team. Because for the past two years under the guidance of head coach Terry Prouty, the Penwomen have kicked the season off with identical 2-7 records.

Last year, after the slow start NHC managed to put together a 6-3 mark the rest of the way to finish the season at a respectable 8-10. While repeating the feat may be a daunting task, the Penwomen have shown things thus far that their predecessors struggled with early on.

While the scoring is down from last season (11 goals this season, opposed to 17 last year), the defense has dramatically improved. The team has scored an average of a little over two goals a game (17 goals) while, at this point last year, the team was scoring nearly four per game (27 goals),

including a putrid 12-0 thrashing from Merrimack College.

Add that to a sweet 1-0 win over Bentley on Sept. 22 to avenge a 3-0 loss to the Falcons last year and the prospects may look bright after all.

After starting the season with four straight losses the Penwomen have begun to break out of their early-season struggles. A tough 3-0 loss at Assumption led to their first win of the season, that 1-0 victory over Bentley here. It also marked the first ever Northeast-10 Conference win for NHC, who joined the league with five other teams this season.

Freshman Amanda Johnson's first collegiate goal couldn't have happened at a better time as it was the only score of the contest. With just 29 seconds remaining in the first half Johnson sent a shot toward the Bentley net that deflected off a Falcon defender and went over the keeper's

head.

Manchester Memorial product Anastasia Carson turned away four shots to earn her first career victory and first career shut-out.

NHC built a two-game winning streak in its next game after it defeated Bryant by a score of 5-3 in Smithfield, R.I. Junior Tiffany Mulally netted two goals, including the game-winner with minutes left to play.

Bryant netted the first two goals of the game and later took a 3-1 lead with four minutes remaining in the first half but freshman Danielle Jendrasko slid the momentum to the NHC side when she knocked in her own rebound with a minute remaining in the half.

NHC controlled the second half and scored three unanswered goals, including two from Mulally in the final five minutes. Junior Julie Gammon also scored in the game to give her four goals on the year and a tie for the

team-lead with Mulally.

Mulally leads the team in scoring with six points (including two assists) while Gammon has tallied five points and midfielder Heather Klorer shares the team-lead in assists with two. On the goalkeeping side, junior Lori Scandurra leads the lead with 32 while

Carson has turned away 14 in limited action.

The Penwomen will next play on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at home against Saint Michael's. Start time is slated for 7 p.m.

Update: The Penwomen lost against American International College, 0-2, this past Saturday.



Lori Scandurra has been playing well in goal for the Penwomen again this season (Photo by Tom McDermott).

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