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HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

The history of Ramadan, Chanukah and Christmas

By Bindu Rai (Reprint)

The holidays are around the corner, bringing festivities and a time for families to bond together and share in love and laughter. This month there are three religious festivals back to back. Ramadan is the holy month of fasting for the Muslims; this forgives them for all the past sins they have committed. Chanukah is the Festival of Lights, which is celebrated by the Jews. The Christians celebrate Christmas in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Ramadan starts every year ten days earlier than the year before. It commences on the night of the full moon and ends on the next full moon one month later. Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam and has to be celebrated by every Muslim. Earlier, Ramadan was celebrated for more than thirty days, but according to the Holy Quran the Prophet Mohammed rose to heaven and pleaded with Allah to shorten it to one month. The Muslims are allowed to eat only after sunset and must stop their eating after sunrise. Sunrise brings their time to fast, when even water is not allowed. It is a test of their will power to control their hunger. After Ramadan, the Muslims observe Eid, when they celebrate the ending of Ramadan by sacrificing goats and donating food and money to the poor.

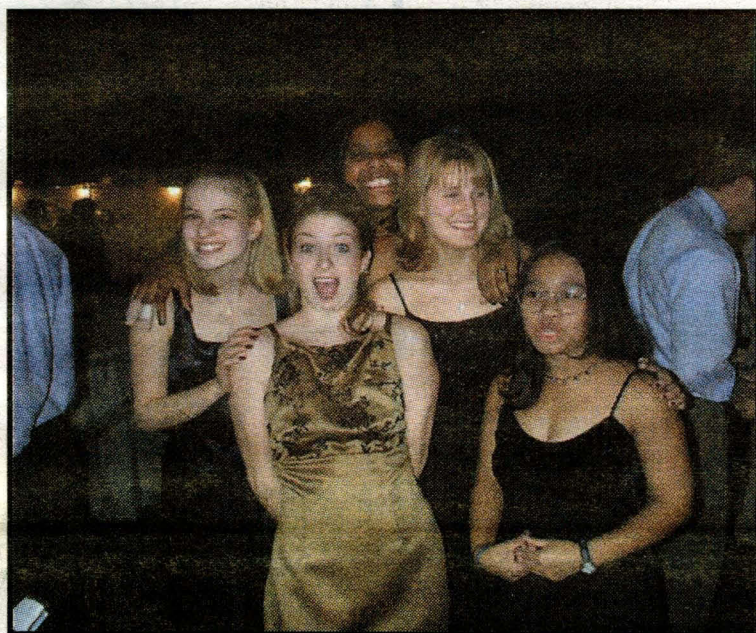
Chanukah is celebrated from the 25th day of the month of Kislev on the Jewish/Hebrew calendar. The celebrations continue for eight days and nights and end on the second day of the Hebrew month of Tevet.

The Jewish day starts at sunset and that is the first night of Chanukah. The holiday celebrates the victory of Judah Maccabee over

the Greek-Syrian dictator Antiochus. They were trying to "Hellenize" the region by dictating their language and customs.

Many Jews resisted and fighting commenced, lasting for seven years. Finally a group of young fighters lead by the priestly Hasmonean family came forward. The Maccabees overcame the Syrian army and won the battle. The Jews finally returned to Jerusalem only to find the Holy Temple in ruins. The Temple was restored to its proper order; the Jews then proceeded to light the Holy light, but they could find only one jar of pure and sacred olive oil. This could only light the lamp for one day. Miraculously, the one cruse of oil burned for eight days and eight nights, hence the Festival of Lights.

Christmas is celebrated in full swing every year with Christmas trees, candy and mistletoe. But has anyone ever thought of how these traditions originated? Legend has it that evergreen trees maintain their green color because when Mary, Joseph and Jesus were on their way to Egypt, they had to conceal themselves from Herod's soldiers in a clump of cedar trees. To hide them, the trees brought forth green needles and the cedar's white berries turned blue so that Mary's blue robe would blend in. Since then, evergreen trees have maintained their color all year round. The Christmas candy is the shape of "j" for Jesus and a shepherd's cane. The white is there for purity and the red stripe symbolizes the blood Jesus shed. The mistletoe has long been considered the soul of the oak and regarded as a sexual symbol. In the Middle Ages,



These students are just some of the many who enjoyed the semiformal December 10 (photo by Jamie Savage).

Stressed?

By Robert Reeve
Wellness Center Counselor

Will you be running around on caffeine, sugar and tobacco this last stretch of the semester? Fretting and not sleeping much? Maybe even getting some "stress reduction" from substance use on the "off" exam days? It is the accepted formula for some of you, and it isn't that smart because it further contributes to the existing load of physical and mental stress; for your body it is punishment. You have all heard this before, but do you do it anyway? Even if this is not your formula, we are all vulnerable to the grasp of stress.

So, this article is intended to expand your understanding of the human response to stress, provide strategies to try to help reduce it and offer a challenge to actually change some of your unhealthful habits. It will require serious effort, the same as learning any new skill but also because you will be fighting a biological process in our species that

can be counter-productive during "crunch time" at the end of a semester. I know this article is appearing late for much application this semester, but changing (improving) stress reduction habits is a gradual process; it is one you will need to press into service your whole life, so this is a good time to start.

The evolutionary stress response process has been going on for millions of years, and it is one I think that needs to be well understood. It is called the Fight or Flight Response and works with our sympathetic nervous system. It was an adaptive response to an attacking Woolly Mammoth or Grizzly Bear. It is not particularly helpful to modern mental stress like being behind in a course and cramming for an exam, and having three papers due tomorrow. The brain signals alarm and the body produces adrenaline and dopamine. Three chemicals ef-

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From the Editor's Desk:

Welcome to another issue of The Observer. I hope you have all enjoyed reading the past three issues. I have enjoyed helping to produce them.

As you read through this newest issue, you will notice even more changes in the paper. We have added a Creativity Page, and students are invited to send in their poems, shorts stories and drawings for publication on this page.

Also, with the addition of our new Advertising Manager, Kimika Embree, there are many more ads in this issue than ever before. Kimika is dedicated to her new position and we are happy to have her.

For everyone who has been involved with The Observer this semester, I would like to thank you for all your contributions and hope you will continue to be involved in the New Year.

With the end of the semester, students will be going home for break, and most will be returning. One important member of our staff will not be returning though. Bindu Rai has done an excellent job with her News Editor position. The rest of the staff and I will miss Bindu and her ideas and insights. Thanks for everything.

With that in mind, we are looking for a News Editor for next semester. If you are interested, please contact The Observer at X9669, or attend one of our meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Observer Office or on Thursdays at 12:45 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room.

As we approach finals, I hope that everyone studies hard and does well on their exams. Enjoy your semester break with family and friends, for it will go by quickly and we will be back at NHC before you know it.

We, the students of New Hampshire College, will be returning to NHC in the new millenium with new courses and resolutions as well. If your resolution for the year 2000 is to get involved, then what better way is there than joining the staff of The Observer. We'd be happy to have you in our club.

Happy Holidays to everyone, and see you next year.

Tara L. Cowdrey
Editor in Chief

Quote of the issue:

"You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there."

Yogi Berra

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History of holidays

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it was hung on doors to ward off evil spirits and witches. The kissing tradition, though, originated from the Greek festival of Saturnalia. The mistletoe was said to give fertility and have life-giving power.

These holidays are a time for people of all religions to come together to celebrate. We wish them all a great festive season and a happy new year.

Stressed

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fectively put the body "on point" or high alert, diverting blood from areas not required for fighting (like your digestive tract) or fleeing to muscles, heart, lungs and brain. This can be why one gets "butterflies" in the stomach when nervous or worried. Fats, sugars and proteins are mobilized to sustain the energy needed for the fight or flight. Even the immune system is shut down to conserve energy. That is why it is so easy to get sick during the last few weeks of the semester.

Some stress is avoidable; papers can be done on time and reading done as it is due so the cram-

ming is minimized at the end. You can set limits or even say "no" to activities or substances that tax you during high stress times. It is certainly implied throughout what I have been saying that rest is key to success. If it must be naps, have them. You need fresh air and exercise each day, so create time to get away from your work. Pay attention to the ways your body speaks to you when you are feeling stressed out. If you don't make the effort to see a funny movie, you won't; however, laughter is a releasing of pent-up stress. Make yourself a relaxation tape of favorite sounds or music that is specifically to "chill out." There are relaxation exercises, breathing techniques, mediation, aromatherapy, massages and flower essence remedies to try.

If roommates are partying and you need focus, go to a quiet place. If you need help, ask for it. Until you try something new, nothing much will change. We are happy to help you find skills that work for you. It is easiest to start when stresses are small, but it is never too late. You have a long relationship ahead of you with yourself; working lot more pleasant. Good luck and happy holidays.

Observer policy on article submission:

The Observer staff encourages students, faculty and staff to contribute to The Observer. Our policy is that all articles and letters to the editor must be signed, and turned in on disk and hard copy with the author's phone number. All articles must be double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font. Articles can be turned in to Box 1084 in the Student Center or to The Observer Office during posted office hours. Disks can be picked up by authors after publication. Thank you for your cooperation.

Corrections:

On page 19 of issue 3, a headline read "NHC soccer game wins last home game." The correct headline is "NHC soccer team wins last home game."

In the article "NHC runners compete with Olympian," internet addresses were omitted. Anyone interested in running road races should visit www.coolrunning.com for race information. Contact Tara at toughcow@hotmail.com or lab13_2000@yahoo.com for Lynn, for more information on the NHC Track Club starting this March.

The Observer needs more proofreaders. Please come to our meetings and get involved.

TAKE A STRESS BREAK!

Once again, the Wellness Center will be offering do-it-yourself "Stress Relief" kits. Take a break and stop by the Wellness Center and put together your own personalized kit. Some of the items that will be available to you are:

MUNCHIES: Twix bars – popcorn – cereal bars – candy – fruit – cookies – bubble gum – crackers.

REFRESHMENTS: Juice – bottled water – hot cocoa – hot herbal and regular tea.

STRESS RELIEVERS: Crossword puzzles – bubbles – yo-yos – jaxs – wordsearch puzzles – silly putty – playing cards – play dough.

Sound like fun? Take a few minutes away from studying to stop by the Wellness Center, during regular business hours, on the following dates:

Wednesday – December 15

Thursday – December 16

Friday – December 17

Good luck on your finals

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Happy Holidays!

Wellness Center Staff:

Sara, Jet, Bobby, Terri, Nancy and Jan

Wanted:

A News Editor and an Arts and Entertainment Editor. If interested, please come to our last meeting of the semester on Thursday at 12:45 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room.

Maine Youth Center: shrouded in controversy

By Bindu Rai

The Maine Youth Center (MYC), in South Portland, is the state's only co-ed juvenile facility. In the past year, it has been highlighted by the media regarding several problems.

The Northeastern Regional Amnesty International (AI) conference was recently held at Boston University, and Ramsay Fifield was one of the guest speakers at the event. She was a volunteer worker at MYC for six and a half years. In an interview on December 9, she stated that due to her recent criticism about the conditions at MYC, she has been banned from the center.

At the AI conference, Fifield presented an investigative news report conducted by WMTW Channel 8, based in Portland and Lewiston in November 1998. The report stated that youths at MYC were being isolated in rooms for months at a time and that they were placed in restraints. The most controversial issue the report addressed was the restraint chair at the center. The reporter, Jeannine Lauber, said "the law stated that the chair is not supposed to be used for punishment, and that nobody should be restrained in that chair for more than 30 minutes." A memo from MYC dated March 31, 1998, leaked out and contained facts that alarmed many. According to the memo, youths were being placed in the chair as a form of punishment; some were restrained between 5-10 hours, while one was restrained for almost 18 hours.

Lauber interviewed the superintendent at MYC, Lars Olsen, who took the reins two years ago. He denied that such events had taken place. He also stated in the interview that counselors were being retrained.

In a telephone interview on December 8, Olsen said that the issue of restraint had been raised, and it is a concern for them. As they are the only juvenile facility in Maine, they have many youths who "present difficult problems." The problems include self-mutilation, according to Olsen. They have been "historically understaffed," but the Maine legislature has helped, according to him. With \$36 million in surplus funds, they will be introducing new programs and building new dorms for the youths. When questioned regarding the recent allegations at the Amnesty conference against MYC,

he said, "I have never talked to anybody from Amnesty International. I do not know where they get their information from." When questioned about the restraint allegations, he stated that restraint is sometimes necessary for discipline. He personally does not like it and wishes that it could be eradicated completely. He also said, "We have to be realistic; it is not possible to completely stop, but it has reduced significantly over the few years."

In an interview on December 9 with Joshua Rubenstein (Northeast Regional Director of AI), he stated that AI has been asking people to assist them in helping the youths at the center. Prof. Ned Loughran has been appointed by the Civilian Oversight Committee, which is the head of juvenile corrections in Maine, to write an independent report. Loughran will present the material on January 19, 2000. Rubenstein also stated Fifield has information regarding MYC and the independent report.

The conversation with Fifield on the same day brought more facts to light. She stated that she worked with "troubled kids" in Bath, Maine. One of those kids was sent to the MYC, and she was "shocked by the conditions there." She decided to do volunteer work at the center and help the youths. The programs she saw there to help the youths were hardly visible. She said, "For the past eight years, Maine Youth Center has been trying to have a program for anger management, and it has not yet taken place."

Fifield also said she wanted to introduce programs and got funding from Stephen King. Her idea was to start vocational workshops and demonstrate to the legislature in Maine that if the kids worked, they wouldn't be in trouble. There have been five superintendents at MYC over the last few years. She spoke with one regarding her idea, but he left. She said the new superintendent told her to do what she wanted. She stated the superintendent did not get involved with the program and the "majority of the staff resented the program." She tried to involve the guards and some helped her, while the rest didn't bother helping. She said in the interview that she finally stopped the program as "some guards did not treat the kids well." She said that she wanted no part of this, so she left and is trying to help

the youths from the outside.

Joseph Field is a district judge in Maine. Fifield stated the judge is starting a drug prevention program for some of the youths. She said she has met the governor of Maine, Angus King, on several occasions. She has presented the case of MYC to King and hopes that some action is taken soon. AI has written to King twice, according to Fifield. The Department of Corrections answered the first letter and said action has been taken. The second letter was not answered, according to Fifield.

The MYC issue is still un-

resolved but has now gained more attention through the efforts of Amnesty International, the independent, world-wide human rights organization.

NHC students concerned with human rights issues are welcome to Human Rights Association meetings. Please check the Human Rights board, next to the computer lab, about place and time of meetings next semester.

Students may also contact Amnesty International at 617-623-0202 for more information regarding human rights.

CSC News

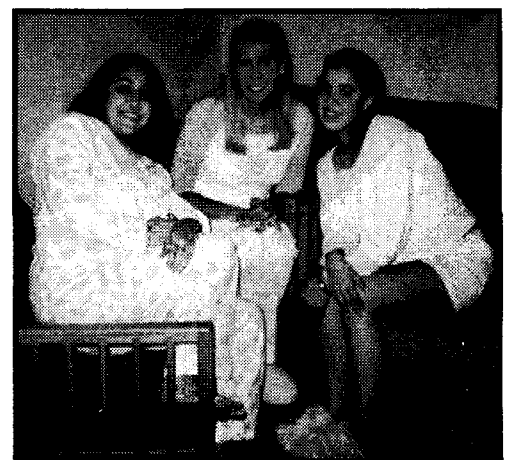
By Jessica Brennan

The Commuter Student Council held a sleepover in the Commuter Lounge on Friday, November 19. CSC provided food and drinks for the event. Those who attended had a good time getting to know each other, watching movies and planning for future CSC events.

The CSC's version of "The Blame Game" has been postponed until second semester. We are currently seeking participants for this event, so if you and your "ex" would like to be contestants, contact CSC by email, commuter@nhc.edu, or drop us a note in the suggestion box in the Commuter Lounge. At least one person from each couple must be an NHC student.

Visit our website at http://www.nhc.edu/student/studact/Commuter_Student_Council/index.htm for details and pictures on past events as well as information on upcoming activities.

CSC meetings are held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Commuter Lounge. All NHC students are welcome to attend; refreshments are always served. Come share your ideas with us.



Cheryl Variava, Cassie Novak and Jessica Brennan enjoy the recent CSC sleepover (photo provided by J.B. London).

Campus Security Log

Compiled by Tara Cowdrey



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

12/4/99

On the above date, an RA and a PSO observed someone spray painting a symbol on a rock. Two other students were also in attendance with the student who was spray painting. When the students saw the PSO and RA, they ran away and were not chased.

12/7/99

On the above date a PSO noticed there was a fresh-cut Christmas tree in someone's apartment. The PSO advised the residents that the tree was not allowed. The residents said they were not aware of the rule. The PSO told them they should take down the tree and they would be hearing from the Public Safety Office or the Office of Residence Life.

12/10/99

On the above date a PSO was walking behind the gym and he noticed a student urinating in one of the back corners. Another PSO came out from inside the gym. The student picked up two bottles of beer and said he was holding them for a friend. The two bottles were dumped out. A strong odor of alcohol was smelled on the student's breath. The student was told by the PSO that he would be documented for having an open container in a dry area.

12/11/99

On the above date a PSO received a call from a residential building. When the PSO arrived, a resident made a complaint that someone had dowsed his bed with water. When he attempted to get help from an RA, he returned to find his keys had been stolen also. Upon investigation, the PSO learned that two students had been seen running from the resident's room. The PSO found and questioned one of the students seen running, and he denied doing anything to the bed or keys. The PSO could smell alcohol on the student. The PSO told the resident to make a formal complaint to his RA.

For your information: religious services

By Mark Williams

The NHC Campus Ministry offers Catholic and Protestant worship services on Sunday evenings. The Catholic Mass is held at 6 p.m. in the Washington Hall meeting room, and the Protestant ceremony is at 6 p.m. in the SGA conference room in the Student Center. The phone extension for Campus Ministry is 2139; please call if you have any questions.

Muslim prayer services take place in the small gym on Fridays at 1 p.m. Prof. Mahboubul Hassan has information for those interested in this form of worship; his extension on campus is 2371.

For those of the Jewish faith,

Temple Israel meets for services on Fridays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m. The synagogue is located behind the Currier Art Gallery at 66 Salmon St., Manchester. For more information, you may contact Temple Israel at 622-6171.

If you are interested in a Sunday morning service, Emmanuel Baptist Church in Hooksett will pick students up at the bus stop in front of the Student Center beginning December 19. Their bus will arrive on campus at 9:30 a.m. and return at 1 p.m. If you have any questions, you can reach the church directly at 668-6473, or you can get in touch with the bus ministry coordinator, Gary Hennessey, at 623-5907.

Professor says cheating nothing new, just more high-tech

College Press Service

Remember when cheating used to consist of looking over someone's shoulder? Or maybe slipping a crib sheet into a shirt pocket?

Strictly Stone Age.

Today, students are turning to technology to help them break the rules.

The Internet is a gold mine of information, with entire web sites dedicated to cheating and others to selling research papers.

"I don't want technology to be blamed for cheating," says Bruce Leland, a professor of English at Western Illinois University in Macomb. "Fraternities and sororities have had files of old term papers forever. The Web just makes this sort of thing public."

Leland has gained a reputation as an expert in the field of bogus term papers as a result of a web page he authored two years ago, detailing the problem and offering suggestions on how to combat it.

There are two kinds of term paper sites, explained Leland, who estimated there are "probably hundreds of sites that have term papers available." One type has a vast repository of old papers (some of the term papers are free; other sites charge for the service, usually per page) and others will write a paper to the student's specifications.

Leland's suggestions for teachers include: Let the students know you're aware of these

sites; avoid generalities when assigning papers; watch the students write, and ask for rough drafts; and take students to one or more of these sites and show them what a weak paper looks like.

Leland says that he has very little problem with plagiarism these days. But when it happens, "it's very interesting," he says.

"Usually it's one of those desperation situations. A kid knows they're going to fail, they can't write the paper in time, so they buy a paper. When they get caught, it's, 'Yeah, I did it.' It's a Hail Mary pass."

Another resource for students is the graphing calculator, which has become mandatory in most high school math classes. Teachers require them because of the functions they can perform. But they also can be programmed so a user can call up other information that would help them during an exam. The way to combat the problem is for teachers to check their students' programs.

"A lot of students are so tuned to technology--be it graphing calculators or working a software program--that they can work a system so it works in their favor," said a spokeswoman for Texas Instruments in Dallas. "They can create programs teachers aren't aware of. A lot depends on the teacher and what he knows about technology."

As Leland points out: "It's a little more sophisticated than writing the answers on your leg."

A tour around Turkey, "the land of the sun"

By Amy Eastman

On Monday, December 6, the Turkish Student Association (TSA) presented a wonderful slide show depicting the history and beautiful attractions of Turkey. It was held in the AV Studio and began at 6 p.m., with a full audience of students, faculty and visitors.

Upon arrival at the show, we were greeted with a white or red carnation and a smile of course, a very welcoming gesture. The sound of the music drew us into the room and instantly made us feel comfortable. Posters of Turkey decorated the walls, along with the Turkish flag and a map of the country. The décor was very professionally done and pleasing to the eye. As we walked around the room we came to a table decorated with postcards, brochures, jewelry and key chains. There was also a table filled with Turkish food for after the show.

The show began with six dancers dancing into the room. They were dressed in traditional, historical clothing that was very ornately decorated. As they danced in, they got the entire audience clapping, which was a neat experience. One couldn't help but smile. Semih Beken, one of the Turkish dancers, did an incredible job and looked great out there. The dancers exited and the slide show began.

As the presenter put it: "When most people think of Turkey, they think of the earthquakes. There is much more to Turkey, though, than the tragedy of those disasters."

She started us on our tour of the country in Istanbul. There we visited the Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sofia and of course other areas that James Bond has visited. If you didn't know, many parts of the James Bond movies take place in the great city of Istanbul.

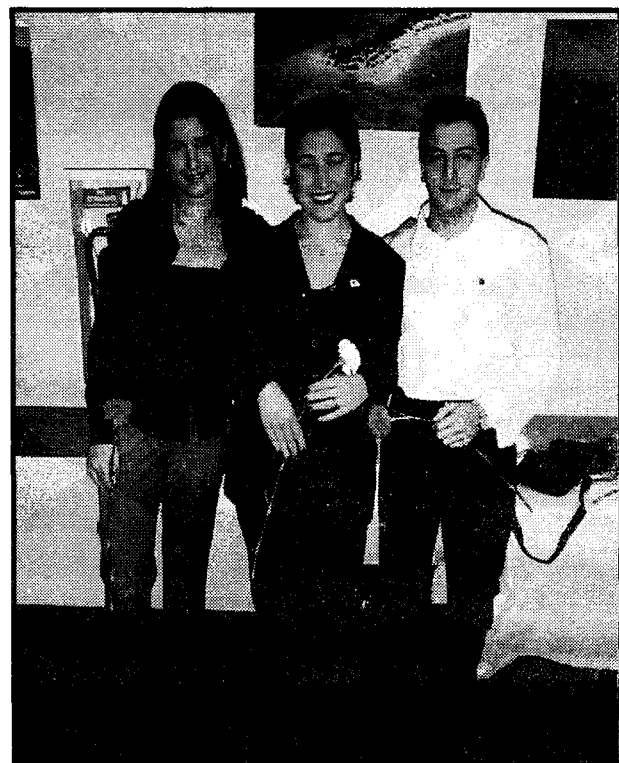
We then traveled on to the Virgin Mary's house where she spent her last days. It is now used as a refuge for Christians and Muslims. While in Turkey one cannot forget to visit the wonderful seaside and swim in the beautiful, blue Aegean Sea. We went on to Bodrum where the nightlife is something one should definitely experience. The slides showed nighttime views of the city all lit up. We traveled on to the capital city of the country, Ankara. We then continued further along our journey up to the north to the Black Sea region where a stranger is always welcome. We of course made stops at historical sites along our way, some dating back to before Christ.

In the middle of the show, we were lucky to be able to try some Turkish delight, which was passed around by the beautiful dancers. It is a traditional sweet: chewy, with nuts inside and covered in powdered sugar. We also learned about folk dancing and how it is an important part of Turkish culture. Each region practices a different kind, making it all the more interesting. We saw unusual Turkish rugs and porcelain making.

Finally, we ended by viewing Turkish cuisine, rated number three in the world. The sight of all those wonderful foods sure did get our stomachs growling, but the hosts were prepared for some hungry guests. They had food already cooked and waiting for us. The women in the audience then had the chance to buy some stunning jewelry (or get our men to buy it for us). While we were serving ourselves

Turkish food, some more slides were shown - adding a nice touch to the end of the show.

The TSA students did an extraordinary job coordinating this event and deserve a nice pat on the back. If this presentation is ever offered again, all should go and take part in learning a little about a vast, historical and culturally interesting country.



Asli Aksoy, member of the Turkish Student Association (TSA), Ozlem Turk, president of TSA, and Mutlu Sevimli, member of TSA, helped to make the Turkish slide show presentation possible (photo by Bindu Rai).

Skidmore official admits stealing student newspaper

College Press Service

Skidmore College's admissions director admitted stealing about 1,200 copies of the student newspaper because she feared a front-page story would have offended prospective students and their parents who were on campus the day that edition was distributed.

"I reacted as a parent and not as a director of admissions," Mary Lou W. Bates said in a statement of apology concerning the Nov. 5 theft of The Skidmore News. The newspaper published a front-page article about a truck smeared with human feces and covered with toilet paper that was parked near a house for gay and lesbian students.

When quizzed by university officials about the newspaper's disappearance, Bates quickly admitted that she

and two of her employees put the papers in recycling bins because they feared the article's graphic content and photos would offend visitors to the university.

"The college has sort of a Gestapo mentality and is being sensitive about its image," Shawn McCormick, editor in chief of the student newspaper, told The Chronicle of Higher Education. "This was about protecting the college's image."

College officials said they haven't decided whether to discipline Bates and that the matter will be handled confidentially. Jamiene Studley, Skidmore's president, said she found Bates' actions "appalling" and "deeply disappointing" given the college's "longstanding commitment ... to openness and the exchange of ideas."

SGA news

By Nicole Sirote

With only a few more meetings left before exams creep up on us, student government is working hard on accomplishing many new tasks. One event that has kept student government very busy was the December 10 Holiday Semiformal. We hope those of you who went had a great time, and we would like to thank everyone who helped plan the event.

Some other interesting news is that the executive board, which includes the president, vice president, secretary, executive officer and treasurer, attended a National Leadership Conference. The conference was held in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the officers learned many new things that they plan on using to help make student government an even stronger organization than it already is.

To learn more about what student government does, feel free to attend a student government meeting. They are held every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Hospitality Conference Room.



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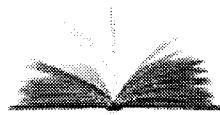
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Jamie Savage and Andrea Hill having a fun time at the Holiday Semiformal this past Friday (photo by David Snuffer).

HSA goes to the Big Apple

By Amanda King

Where is that van? It's cold out here! Where is she? Wait, there it is, I see it! It's about time. Oh wow, look, doughnuts! Excellent.

The van loaded with luggage, and the 11 of us taking our seats, we embark on a journey to New York City. We are students who belong to the Hospitality Student Association and are headed to New York to visit the Jacob Jarvis Center, where the International Hotel/Motel and Restaurant Exhibition is being held. However, we find that this trip is more than just an exhibition.

With a very capable driver at the wheel (wink, wink, nudge, nudge) we don't notice the increase in traffic as we get closer to New

York. And then all of a sudden, almost out of nowhere, skyscrapers appear. Ah, to be in the city! We decide to soak up the city atmosphere by touring Times Square, "riding" the stone lions that guard the city's main library, stopping for a bite of real New York pizza, getting kicked out of The Plaza (tours aren't available at the time), molesting the toys at FAO Schwartz and viewing fireworks (thrown for us, of course).

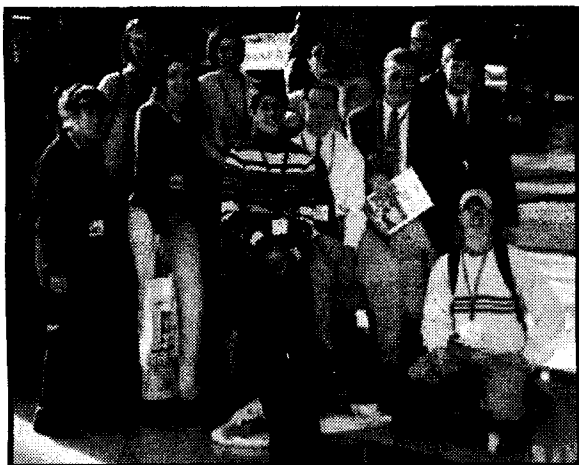
After the lengthy ride down and our evening of eventful activities, we meander back to our residence at the Hampton Inn. Tucked away in the rooms we had reserved, we stay up till all hours discussing inane topics. We eventually call it a night, but by the time our heads hit

our pillows it is already time to get up.

Up far too early for our liking, we find our way to the Jacob Jarvis Center to join the 56,000 other attendees of the International Hotel/Motel and Restaurant Exhibition. We split up and go our separate ways; we have only two and half-hours to tour all 18,000 exhibitors!

The allotted time proves not to be enough. We do manage to see everything from cooking utensils to toilet seats. It is amazing. However, with much regret, lack of time and exhaustion decide for us that it is time to head back to good old NHC.

Arriving at NHC at a reasonable hour, we all go out separate directions, but the Hospitality Association has gained four new members on this trip. These four individuals were mostly interested in going to New York just to be in the city and get away from campus, but by the end of the trip they realized that the HSA has much more to offer. HSA can provide them with educational and industrial experiences and it also offers a start to networking! Now these four individuals find themselves eagerly awaiting 6:30 p.m. on Thursday nights so that they can attend the meetings regularly, in the Hospitality Center's lounge, to discuss what they're going to do for their next excursion.



These members of the Hospitality Student Association enjoyed the International Hotel/Motel and Restaurant Exhibition in New York City (photo provided by Danielle MacMahon).

Student gets two years probation, limited net access for copyright violations

College Press Service

A University of Oregon student who pleaded guilty in August to illegally distributing copyrighted materials using the campus' computer network has been sentenced to two years' probation and is allowed to have only restricted access to the Internet.

Jeffrey G. Levy was charged after university officials noticed an unusually large volume of information traveling through the campus' computer network. They traced the content - thousands of music recordings and digital movies - to Levy and called authorities.

Levy was the first person charged under the No Electronic Theft Act of 1997. He faced a penalty of up to three years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines depending upon the value of the amount of material he distributed. Prosecutors could determine accurately only that about \$5,000 worth of material had been distributed from Levy's site.

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learning as much as they can. Jacob is only 20, so he can't drink here. He says that he does miss being able to drink; he can in the Netherlands because the legal age is 16, and there isn't much of a drinking problem in his country.

Another difference between the two countries is that the United States has a bigger problem with obesity. He couldn't believe how many fast food restaurants are around here. He said that Amsterdam, with a population near 100,000, only has five McDonald's restaurants.

I asked Jacob what some of the benefits to being at NHC are. He answered by saying, "I really liked picking my own classes." He also said this stay gives him the opportunity for "personal growth, and

I learned a lot from a slightly different culture."

Some of the disadvantages are that "the cafeteria food is very expensive." He also misses a few of his friends. He plans on keeping in touch with some of the friends he has made here.

Jacob will be graduating in June 2000. He isn't sure about his future career goals but would like to work for about one year in a retail business and eventually earn his master's in Retailing or Management.

One thing is for sure: Jacob Terpstra is a great asset to the diversity for which NHC is known. If you have yet to say hi or have a conversation with Jacob, I recommend you do so before he leaves. I can guarantee you won't regret it. My best wishes to you, Jacob!

Getting to know a student from the Netherlands

By Melissa Cowdrey

Recently I had the pleasure of having an interesting conversation with a person from my Consumer Behavior class. His name is Jacob Terpstra. I'll fill you in on some of his background and then get to the really interesting stuff.

Jacob, like quite a few NHC students, is the first in his immediate family to attend college. He is 20 years old and has an older brother, 23. The most recent place he lived before coming here was Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He's at NHC now because of a student exchange program. Contrary to my former belief, Jacob is not the first student here from the Netherlands, but he is the first student from there through this program.

The Foreign Exchange Student Program includes about 30 schools, seven of which are in the United States. With this program many students at Jacob's school, and other schools involved with the program, are able to go abroad. Jacob says that about 40 percent of his class have gone abroad. Fifty to sixty percent of all the students attending his school go abroad at least once.

I asked Jacob about the differences between schools in the Netherlands and NHC. He said that "95 percent of colleges in the Netherlands don't have campuses, they

are all in cities." He enjoys living on campus, but commented that if he lived here all four years, he would get his own apartment. The tuition is much cheaper in the Netherlands. It's only \$1400 per semester. He still gets that price for NHC because of the exchange program. One of the reasons he chose to come here is because it's close to Boston and New York.

"The teachers are very good," says Jacob. "The Netherlands teachers are similar, but the classes are more practical, with exercises where students get more involved with real-life situations."

The Netherlands is flat compared to the New Hampshire area. One of the biggest differences is the distances. In the Netherlands, there is a small city every three miles. There are about 600 people per square mile. "Distances are too far, you need a car," Jacob complains about here. There is more public transportation in his country. For the four years you are a student in college in the Netherlands, public transportation is free.

When I asked Jacob if anything here surprises him, his answer was hesitant, but he explained that "so many people drink and seem uninterested in school." We both agreed that school is a wonderful privilege, and we don't understand why people don't take advantage of



Jacob Terpstra is the first Dutch student attending New Hampshire College in the Foreign Exchange Student Program (photo by Melissa Cowdrey).

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Gonzo on the Campaign Trail 2000: Bill Bradley

By Matt Theroux

It was Monday morning, November 22, and I was in Hillsboro, recuperating from a long weekend of orgiastic madness on the NHC campus and seriously contemplating going back to bed for a nice seven-hour nap/coma, when the call came in. My roommate Neezo handed me the phone, and I listened silently while the voice on the other end of the line gave me my next assignment.

I hung up the phone and turned to my roommate. "That was Headquarters. Senator Bill Bradley is speaking here today and they want me to cover it at once. They said that all the arrangements were made and that everything will be taken care of, but I don't know... it might be a trap. What do you

think?"

"Politics?" he said looking confused, "but I thought you did appalling movie reviews."

I ignored him and took a thoughtful drag off my cigarette. He was right of course. This was a serious assignment, not to be taken lightly, and I was not a political junky. I didn't know the first thing about covering the political arena but as a journalist I had an obligation to cover the story, for good or ill, so why not do it in the gonzo tradition of my mentor...the great Dr. Hunter S. Thompson. I grabbed my notebook, wondering if perhaps I should arm myself, and headed down to the Grad School.

I strolled into the Mara Auditorium and took my seat in the

back with all the real journalists... the Pros. In a pathetic attempt to act important, a flunky in a suit came over to me almost immediately. He looked at me with a mixture of fear and loathing and demanded to see my credentials. "Excuse me, but this seat is reserved for press only," he said clamping a beefy hand down on my shoulder.

I was on my guard and ready for this sort of hassle. "You fool," I said waving my ID around in his snot-nosed face. "I am the press."

He didn't believe me. He carefully studied a clipboard and after finding my name he mumbled an apology, violently cracked his knuckles and walked away. I just laughed at him and popped open a can of soda, covering my hand in foam.

"You showed him," said the guy sitting next to me from the Boston Globe and then he patted me affectionately on the back, "that was not only capable... but stylish." I said thanks and he promptly introduced me to an assortment of other big-time journalists covering the scene and we settled in as the show got under way.

Um, enough of this gibberish. Let's get right to the heart of this thing: Bill Bradley is a three-term senator from New Jersey and a Democratic hopeful for the presidential nomination. He also happens to be a Rhodes Scholar and in the NBA Hall of Fame. With those high-powered credentials, he came to our school to talk to a packed room about his campaign platform.

Senator Bradley delivered a smooth speech detailing his ideas for campaign finance reform. Bradley says he wants to restore the American people's trust in government, and man, does he have his work cut out for him. When I look at the current state of American politics the words crooked, decadent and depraved come to mind. By focusing on such reforms as public financing of campaigns, full disclosure of campaign contributions and greater voter participation during elections, Bradley is seeking to change my cynical mind about government and politicians.

In order for these bold reforms to work, Bradley's going to need the support of the people. So what does that mean to you and me? The bottom line is voting. Yeah, on Election Day everyone's got to get out there and vote—the people need to trust the system again. Then if elected and able to live up to his promises, Senator Bradley can roll into the Oval Office like an Armani-wearing political juggernaut and regulate soft money in favor of public financing, institute financial subsidies, allow candidates free broadcast time and a host of other sweeping changes and big talk.

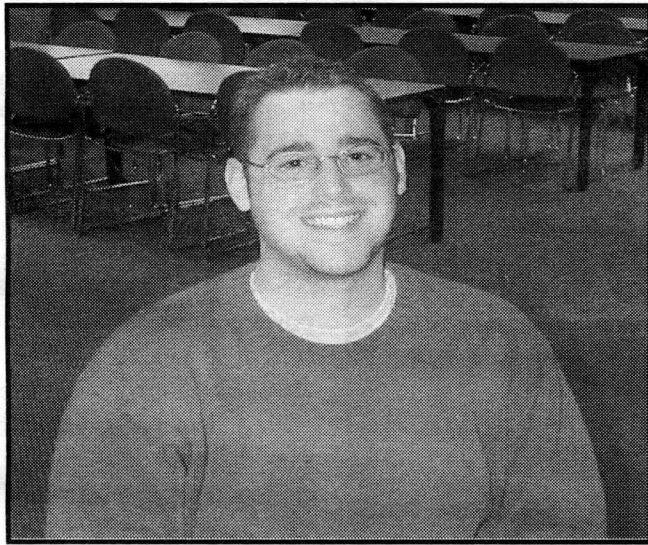
In my amateur opinion, it was a good speech. Bradley came across to the audience very well, and he seemed like a pretty good guy to vote into the White House for the next four years. However, it's too early for this '80s boy to commit to one candidate. There are a lot of other presidential hopefuls out there bidding for the nomination in 2000. I want to cast my vote for who is, in my opinion, the best man for the job. Senator Bradley was definitely impressive though. For more information about Senator Bradley, check out www.billbradley.com. If you have anything to say to me, you may contact me at therouma@nhc.edu.

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VOICES AND FACES

Where are you going to be for the millennium celebration?

By David Snuffer



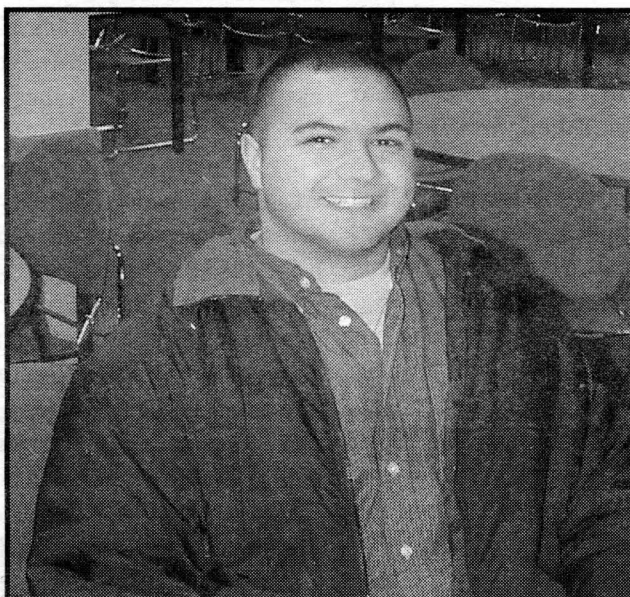
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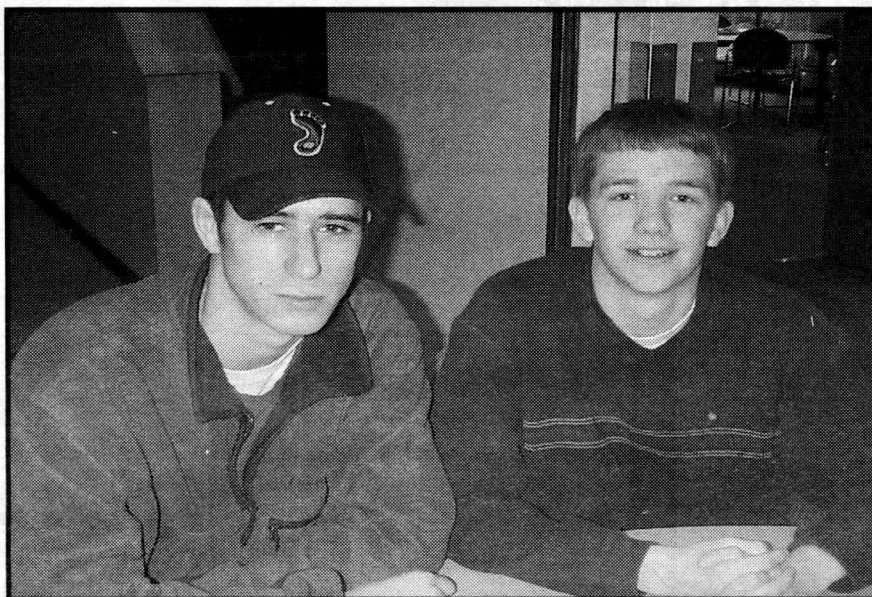
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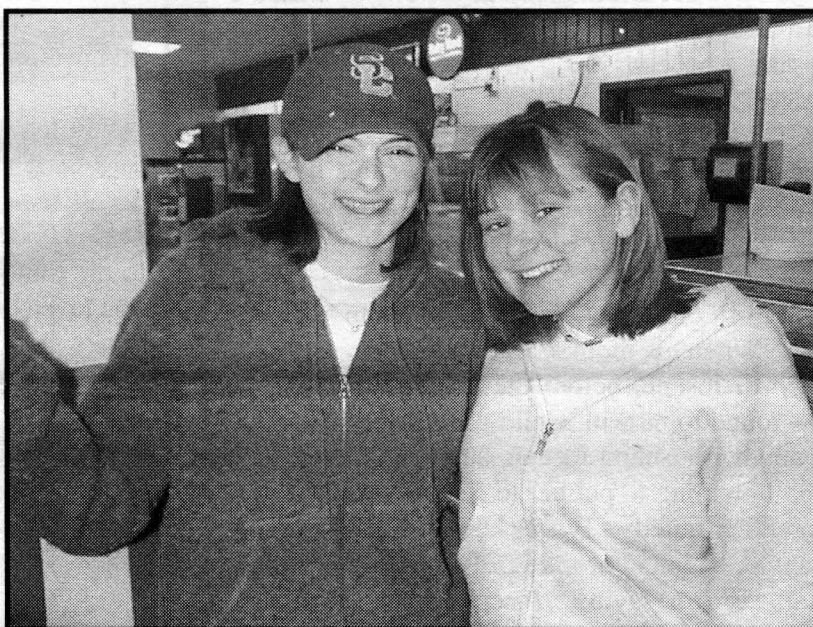
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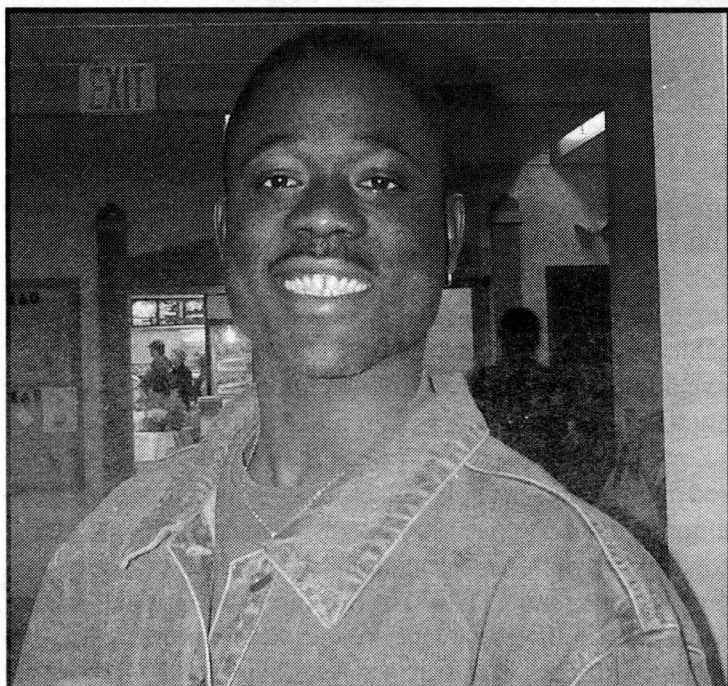
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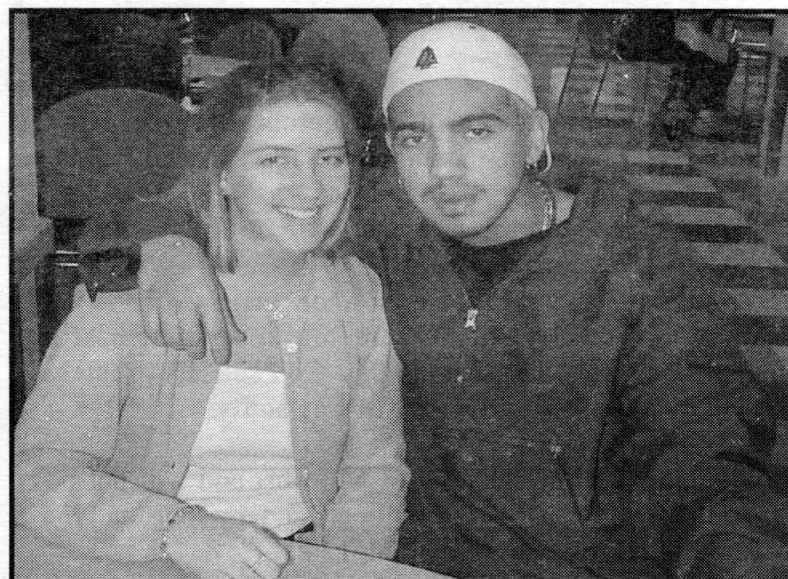
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"Old Orchard Beach, Maine."



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"In the Caribbean."



Carlos Maldonado
Freshman Business Administration Major
"I'm partying till I drop in Boston until the third day of the New Year."

OPINION

Editors' Note: Students' opinions are accepted to be published on the opinion page, yet they do not necessarily reflect the views of the editorial staff. If anyone would like to write about his/her religious beliefs, that will also be accepted for publication on this page.

Good News:

The reason for the season

By Mark Williams

"And the angel said to them, 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign to you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.'" (Luke 2:10-12)

Christmas is a season of giving. The spirit of this holiday stems from God's gift to the people of earth, the most perfect present the world has ever received, Jesus.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with Child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God is with us). When Joseph woke from his sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His name Jesus. (Matthew 1: 18-25)

The world has lost sight of the celebration of Jesus' birthday and turned Christmas into a festival of lights, food and shopping; the focus of the true spirit of Christmas has been lost in a mad scuffle for Pokemon.

Christmas is a special season of fellowship with friends and family in the remembrance of Christ's birth. That was the glorious day God set His greatest plan in motion, the salvation of our souls.

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation." (Isaiah 12:2)

"First, but not the last."

By Jaye Friday X9304

Well, this first semester was quite interesting. I see myself grown more than before. Not much, but a little. I learned more outside the classroom than inside. Relationships are one area I have become awakened to, having the joy of love then having it torn painfully from my heart. It's not something I wish to place upon my worst enemy or go through again. This has hurt me more than anything I have experienced in my life. Everyone you meet leaves a mark on your soul, some sort of learning experience. Every hand that reaches into your soul takes something from you but more importantly the same hand leaves something also. What she took was more than expected, but what she left is also more than I have asked. To this person I ask:

"Did I leave something everlasting in you?"

To all those who have a loved one: Do your best to let that person know every day that you love them because if you were to die tomorrow would there be any doubt in their mind that you loved them or any doubt in your dying mind that they loved you?

Over the course of this semester I have received countless phone calls and messages that threatened to hurt me, told me to quit the paper and other things. In one phone call people asked me what was wrong with me because I don't drink or do drugs. They went on to say that I must have no life because I don't drink. I find it gross and repulsive that the mentality of some of this campus is that drinking is life. One person failed miserably to disguise his voice and told me that if I did not want to get hurt, I should quit the paper. To that person I am going to tell you that I know who you are and next time hang up the phone before you start to talk to your friends in your normal voice. Only two people have given me intelligent arguments. Rich Winefield and some other guy who has called both times I have had my number in the paper. The guy who called me both times told me where I was wrong or where he disagreed with me without calling me names. He used intelligence instead of stupidity. To that guy, I hope to hear from you again, maybe become friends or have debates sometime. You have a good strong voice. Thanks for calling. To all who liked my work, thanks a bunch. You make it worthwhile.

I covered many things in my writings, all of which were strictly my opinion or experience. I find it very funny that people get threatened by an opinion or statement that doesn't go along with the popular opinion. Is it that they are scared of the fact that people can be different? Is it the fact that I am instigating it? I am not sure. I bet there is a silent majority that agrees with what I say but are afraid to stand for themselves to set an example. Beyond popular belief, it is ok to deviate from the norm. To all who don't like what I write and want me to quit the paper, I won't be silenced. This is the first, but not the last.

"Tried so hard to break us, but you never left a scratch."
- Ten Yard Fight

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Battle of Boston

By Pat Pogers

Rage Against the Machine rocked the Worcester Centrum on Nov. 30 with a killer concert that promotes their third album, *The Battle of Los Angeles*. With a sold-out crowd on hand, and the amazing show that Rage put on, the people went crazy.

Before the show there were many protesters outside the arena saying that Rage supports cop killers. They were telling the crowd that seeing the show meant you support cop killers as well. The band supports Mumia Abu-Jamal, who allegedly killed a Philadelphia police officer in 1981. He has been on death row since 1982 and is scheduled to be put to death early in the new year.

Abu-Jamal, a former Black Panther, still says he is innocent, and there are four eye-witness that claim that another person shot Daniel Faulkner, the Philadelphia officer.

A lot of Rage's music is politically motivated. The band's name alone refers to their motive. The machine is the "unbeatable," like the United States, the Government and the Supreme Court. They use their music to protest against unfair events like the wrongfully accused. They not only support Abu-Jamal, but also Leonard Peltier.

Peltier is a Native American activist. He is in prison for the deaths of two FBI agents. According to the band, the two FBI agents provoked the shootout in which a Native American lost his life as well.

The agents followed a Native American who had been accused of stealing to a Native American camp. The charges were dropped against other Native Americans, but Peltier was convicted and sentenced to two life terms in prison.

Zack de la Rocha, the lead singer for the band who also writes the lyrics, speaks his views through the lyrics of his songs. Their first single, *Freedom*, is about brother Abu-Jamal and brother Peltier. Since the band has been formed they scream about politics. During a show in Philadelphia, the very same city in which Abu-Jamal was arrested, Rage played *F*** the Police*, a cover song from N.W.A., to protest the allegedly wrongful arrest. Almost all of their songs protest something, that the band does not agree with. For more Rage propaganda visit www.ratm.com.

During this current tour, the band witnesses protests wherever they play. The band is getting more and more attention with every album they put out and every show they play. *Rolling Stone* magazine is calling *The Battle of Los Angeles* the album of the year, and guitarist Tim C, the guitarist of the decade. With every step they take to greatness, the screams become louder and louder. More and more people will listen to what the band says, and eventually their "rage" will get somewhere.

Opening up for Rage was Gang Starr, which is a rap band, but

it seemed like eight guys running around the stage just talking to the crowd. Between sets, the madness hit. The banner was being lifted to the ceiling, the banner that read "The Battle of Boston" with the same scene as the cover of the album: a guy with his fist in the air.

In order to get on the floor, a person had to have a bracelet that they got at the door. Most of the kids wanted to be on the floor where the "pit" is, so they charged the gates all at once, and the limited security guards could not stop all of them. So instead of 2,000 people on the floor, there ended up being 6,000, which made it all that much better. As soon as the chords ripped, the crowd got into it, and they didn't stop until the lights came back on.

The band opened the show with a few of their new songs, playing *Testify* and *Guerrilla Radio*. They also played new stuff like *Born of a Broken Man*, *Sleep Now in the Fire* and *Calm like a Bomb*. Rage played older songs like *Know Your Enemy*, *Bullet in the Head*, *People of the Sun*, *No Shelter* and *The Ghost of Tom Joad*. They closed the show playing *Bulls on Parade*, *Freedom* and *Killing in the Name of*. The aftermath saw 30 kids getting arrested for petty crimes, most likely from being too fired up from the show.

Overall the show was incredible, Rage Against the Machine were the pioneers of "rap-metal," a format that a lot of bands are following now. They get better and better every time I hear them, and I can't wait to see them again.

Art will make you happy

By Mandy King

Do animals and scenic views put a smile on your face? Then the work of Sharon McCarty displayed in our own college library will make you a happy person. Her work consists of animals and scenic views using pastel watercolors. The effect of the pastels is overwhelming. I have never envisioned a cow or horse or even a dog in such a pretty, artificially speaking, way before in my life.

There were about 12 paintings total, half of them were outdoor scenes. One picture of a beach scene was barely noticeable until you were very close to the picture. It reminded me of the work of Claude Monet or maybe those pictures in the mall that you have to focus on up close, then back away from to understand. One painting of enormous pine trees had the same effect. When you did focus your gaze, the picture was very impressive.

The animal paintings were equally intriguing, taking only half as long to interpret. One example was three cows lying down in an open field. The pastels made the animals seem much smaller or awkward. There were two pictures of black dogs, one was in the back of a pickup truck and the other was just of the dogs. I just had the revelation that these are probably the artist's own personal pets. This changes the meaning of the pastels, to assume the role of loving colors. That is so sweet; if I could, I would definitely paint a picture of my cat.

The arrangement of McCarty's work in our library is inviting, colorful and appealing to the eye. I suggest taking a few minutes of your day to go and look at the work of a talented modern-day painter. It may not elicit strong emotion or change how you feel about something, but it is brilliant work that deserves recognition, even from us college students. American Impressions by Sharon McCarty is on view next to the library's circulation desk in the Shapiro Gallery during December.

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The Observer

English Club trip

By Peter Lopez

Great time. Upbeat. Gothic. Beautiful. Interesting.

These are just some of the responses given by students and faculty who saw the Boston Symphony at Symphony Hall in Boston on November 19. Dr. Lawrence Kinsman and Prof. Doug Blais took members of the English Club and other students to see the orchestra perform Vasks' Cantabile for Strings, Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No. 2 and Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2. In addition to the concert, the group enjoyed dinner at Legal Seafoods in the Prudential Center.

The students and faculty were seated in the center of the second balcony of Symphony Hall. These seats provided a great view of the hall, which one student described as "beautiful and gothic."

"The place was enormous," said Sicily Cagle, a student who was in attendance and had never seen Symphony Hall before. "From the statues sitting on the walls to the high cathedral ceiling, this place makes us seem so small, but it is beautiful," she added.

The concert consisted of the three pieces, with an intermission after the Shostakovich concerto. It lasted about three hours. The per-

formance consisted of slow soft music at some points and loud, thunderous, fast music, which included more from the percussion section, at other points. This part of the concert was most liked by some.

"I definitely like the more upbeat points of the show better," said Kelly Bowden, a senior Hotel Management major. She added, "On the slow points, it seemed like you could fall asleep, which some of the audience did, but the faster points seemed to grab everyone's attention."

Prof. Blais said, "This was a very interesting show. I really enjoyed it, especially the horn section. This whole trip was fun, especially for me because being a Sport Management professor I don't get a chance to interact with other students as much as other professors do. This trip gave me a chance to see and meet other students."

Blais also wanted to thank the SGA, Dean Bob Doucette and Dr. Kinsman for making the trip possible. In addition, he recommended that even if students are not members of a club they should try to attend an event like this because it is enjoyable.

What's new in beauty and fashion?

By Amy Eastman

Beauty Secrets

Looking for some more wacky beauty secrets to try? Well, here are a few that I came across:

To leave skin soft and have a perfect complexion, try rubbing Mylanta on your face. Let it air dry and then wash off with warm water. Makes you wonder how many dares inspired someone to try this concoction on her face.

Wondering what kind of make-up colors to wear for the holidays? I heard that Yves Saint Laurent has a nice holiday line out filled with bright, vibrant colors.

Is your hair feeling a little not so clean today? To reduce that awful build-up try adding one tablespoon of baking soda, which is a natural de-gluer, to your shampoo. Make sure to shake well, and say good-bye to build-up.

Fashion

It is getting cold out there and time to pull out the hats, mittens and scarves. If you don't have some already, try Banana Republic and their new cashmere line, Gap or J. Crew, to see how they are planning on keeping you warm this winter as well as looking stylish.

Happy Holidays and good luck holiday shopping. If stuck for a gift, try these web sites filled with cool beauty products: www.dafridge.com and www.eve.com.

Information provided by Jane magazine December 1999 issue.

Horoscopes brought to you by Amy

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19)

Your finances are out of hand this month – probably due to all that holiday shopping. It's time to get them back into order before the New Year arrives. This month your lover is feeling rather deprived of your affection. Flowers may be nice. Take time for yourself this month. It is time for self-reflection.

Hot days: December 5 and 17

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18)

Your world is like an earthquake; everything is shaking and going out of order for you this month. A spat with some friends may seem like the end of the world, but try not to dwell on it; eventually the fire will simmer out. An old fling may make an unexpected appearance causing some waves with your current lover. Take a break from work, you need the down time.

Hot days: December 1 and 20

Pisces (February 19 to March 20)

Give yourself an ol' pat on the back because you deserve it. All your hard work finally paid off. It is time for a pleasure trip, time to sit back and relax. The Caribbean sounds nice, or what about New York City? The lights, the glam, the excitement; go and make an appearance. Who knows whom you may meet?

Hot days: December 7 and 13

Aries (March 21 to April 19)

This is your month of all-out fun. Forget about that prior engagement and just cut loose. It is time to go out with your friends, something very long overdue, grab a few 12 packs (of Coca-Cola of course) and spend a night out on the city. It is a wonderful way to end the year and bring in the new one.

Hot days: December 2 and 15

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)

Feeling stressed about the job or are finals getting you down? Try some aromatherapy stress relief candles or lotion. They may work wonders. Don't worry, a broken heart will eventually heal. Try not to be so stubborn lately, friendships do involve a little give and take. It may work to your advantage.

Hot days: December 6 and 21

Gemini (May 21 to June 20)

This month is filled with unexpected surprises, not always being those that you would really want. Take a deep breath and go in stride with all that life throws at you. Next month will be much easier. Try a scratch ticket around the 31st and luck may prevail. Your relationship is going to need a lot of attention this month or plan on starting a new one.

Hot days: December 9 and 31

Cancer (June 21 to July 22)

Be prepared for a nice raise at work and those bigger paychecks. Spend your money wisely though, for it may not last very long. Take a little extra time for some studying, it will pay off in the long run. That lover you just began to see may be someone really special, so hang on to this one and let the relationship grow.

Hot days: December 10 and 25

Leo (July 23 to August 22)

You just do not have time to deal with those immature head games your lover likes to play. Give him/her the boot. Take up a sport you've always loved to do or try a new one, maybe racquetball is just for you. You find yourself in hot water with schoolwork. That paper is a week late, you have a test tomorrow and no time to do it all. Just when you think you're going to get burned an old friend is there to help you out.

Hot days: December 8 and 22

Virgo (August 23 to September 22)

Are you in love or in love with the thought of being in love? Take a step back and really examine your relationship and where it is headed. In your free time spend some time on the Internet and maybe re-discover those old favorite hobbies and interests. You are feeling a bit more confident than usual, but don't let it go straight to your head. Go shopping and get that outfit you've always desired but didn't think you had the guts to wear.

Hot days: December 14 and 29

Libra (September 23 to October 22)

This month you are saying the first thing that comes to mind, which may come back to bite you in the butt. So be careful what you say and how you say it. Sometimes blatant honesty hurts. Your creative side is showing its colors lately so try taking up a craft, like maybe making those Christmas presents rather than buying them. Get ready for the New Year, it could have a major impact on your life.

Hot days: December 11 and 26

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21)

Do you really enjoy sitting in your room all alone? Get out and have some fun. What you need is a good laugh, try a comedy club. You're feeling rather lazy and looking for the easy way out, but it won't go unnoticed and it is not recommended. Tip of the month: look both ways before crossing the street.

Hot days: December 4 and 23

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21)

It is time to make some changes in your life and you don't have to wait until the New Year. What better time than the present? The love you've been looking for may come knocking at your door, literally. You may be feeling a little sick lately, but don't obsess over it because it will pass. How you feel physically has much to do with your mental well being. Get out and take a nice walk on the next sunny afternoon.

Hot days: December 3 and 18

Student editor ordered to hand over unpublished materials

College Press Service

The editor of California State University at Sacramento's student newspaper said Dec. 1, that he hasn't decided whether to comply with a judge's orders to turn over unpublished notes and photographs of an arrest on campus.

David Sommers, editor-in-chief of The State Hornet, must decide by December 17 whether to submit the material or face going to jail. A defense attorney for 21-year-old Gustavo Chavez, who was arrested during a September 18 football game, wants the unpublished notes, photographs and names of people interviewed. Without them, defense attorney Lisa M. Franco insists Chavez won't get a fair trial.

"This information is compelling," Franco told Superior Court Gerald S. Bakarich. "It will show he is not guilty."

Sommers maintains the material should not be handed over.

"We would be turning over evidence for law enforcement, and that is not the role of the newspaper," he said. "If we go into reporting a story and our sources realize that we have at any time in history turned over unpublished film or notes to the courts, we'll have a bias on our heads that will never go away. We will have compromised our

ability to go out there and do our jobs."

Police said they charged Chavez, who is not a student at CSU-Sacramento, with battery and resisting arrest because he was fighting in the stands with two other men. A front-page photo of officers restraining Chavez in a chokehold appeared in the Hornet, along with stories about the arrest and concerns about violence on campus.

"This event occurred in a stadium filled with about 15,000 people," Sommers' attorney, Jacqueline R. Kinney, told Bakarich, arguing that the defense could have found alternative sources for the information they want from the newspaper. But Franco said efforts to find witnesses were "not fruitful."

Kinney and Sommers also thought they had state law on their side. They argued that the student newspaper was protected under California's "shield law," which allows news gatherers to refuse to divulge their sources.

But in ruling in favor of Franco, Bakarich said the Hornet's unpublished material was not confidential under state law and that Chavez had a greater right to the unpublished information. He did, however, limit the scope of information the newspaper would have to hand over.

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CREATIVITY PAGE

Chicago Blues

By Mudar Anthony Zahran

I could not believe the thrill and relief I felt after walking away from my last final exam at New Hampshire College: 25-years-old, two master's degrees, the future is wide open, and that is not all I told myself. A few months later I was holding a relatively high-paying job at one of the biggest corporations around. Life was going great, and I felt that all my dreams were coming true. I had never felt so complete as I did at that time.

Then one warm August night I called my family home in Jordan, and my mom popped the 64 thousand dollar question, "Honey, you are holding a fine job. When are you going to find a wife?" A wife! I thought, "but I cannot even find a steady girlfriend, mom," I told her. At that point my mom, that beautiful educated woman, laughed with a voice full of joy I can always recognize when I hear and said, "Honey, I guess I have good news for you then. Your dad was introduced to a very nice gentleman who lives in Chicago while on a business trip to Palestine. That gentleman has a sister-in-law who is cute, educated, young and just like us. Her family comes from Palestine; they even come from the same town, Jerusalem."

When my mom was done saying those words, I was lost in the deep valley of confusion! I did not think it was a good idea from the start. I have lived most of my life outside my home country; actually I have lived in so many countries in my life that I became very multi-cultural to the point that I don't have my own specific culture anymore. Besides, I had lived in America for a while by that time. I could not simply go back and get engaged to a girl according to the couple-of-millenniums-old fashions and traditions of my country. Both mom and dad are open-minded and non-traditional, especially dad, a Princeton graduate who has always taught me that meeting and even dating people of a different race and culture brings accomplishment and enlightenment.

Nevertheless, under the pressure from my mom, who was dying to see her eldest son getting engaged, I bought a ticket to Chicago and called the family of that girl, introduced myself, and informed them I was coming to see their daughter for the purpose of getting engaged the traditional way. They

were thrilled and welcoming and even said they could not wait till I come to meet their beloved daughter.

Then I thought of a friend of mine who goes to New Hampshire College, a girl who has been my best friend and always took my breath away with her beauty, charm, open-mindedness. Just like me she has lived in many countries and was the product of an interracial, multi-cultural marriage. If I am to get engaged or married, if I am to start something even less serious, did I deserve anything less?

Anyway, feeling like a caveman as far as civilization is concerned, I boarded the plane from Manchester Airport and in less than two hours I was calling that girl's family from O'Hare international airport to tell them I was in Chicago. We agreed to meet at their home at six p.m. I went to my hotel room to get ready for the big date at six. The girl I was going to see could be my future wife, that thought hit my mind when I was coming out of the shower and, to my everlasting surprise, it gave me hope. Who knows! It might work is what I thought.

Half an hour prior to the appointment I got dressed as if I was going to an Academy Award ceremony. I called a cab and asked the driver to take me to those people's home; when I handed him the address, the cab driver, who happened to be from a country next to mine and spoke my language, said "Well, Pulaski Street! Whom does a clean-cut guy like you know in that street?" I asked him why, what was wrong with that place. And he gave me a very buttery smile and said, "Well, all I can say is that you could never walk down that street after five o'clock in the afternoon, you would either get shot or mugged!" Before he was finished talking I had goose bumps all over me. What have I gotten myself into, I thought. He kept talking and I told him why I was going there. He told me he did not think it was going to work. He said girls from our part of the world are narrow minded and useless. That is what he said, and he was trying to convince me to not even go through the whole thing.

The cab driver dropped me off in front of those people's home at the exact time. I went up the stairs and saw a person who obviously had not had a haircut or shaved in a long

time. He was wearing very dusty clothes. I thought he was just someone who was there and I tried to avoid him. Since the neighborhood is a dangerous area he could be a criminal, with those looks you never know – that is what I thought. But the guy surprised me with a smile and said, "Hello, you must be Mudar." I said, "Wow, I see you know my name." He welcomed me to his home. Yes, the dusty caveman was the girl's brother, and that was just the start.

When I went into their home, I found broken furniture, dusty walls, and the living room was only a little bigger than the size of any twin bedroom at Washington Hall.

Then the girl's other brother came in, another caveman who needed a haircut really bad. He did not smile or say anything more than hello. And he was staring at me really weirdly. I think he had a very good reason: I was wearing clean clothes.

Then her dad came along, barefoot. He sat on the couch right before me, legs crossed and said: "Well, so tell me where are you from? What is your family's background?" There was a thorough investigation to come regarding what my background was, what my family did, how big their business was, how rich they were, where I lived, what I did for a living, how much I made and how come I chose that field. It was a half-hour round of very personal questions, I thought that would be the end till her brother-in-law, the gentleman who had met my dad in Palestine on a business trip, came and introduced himself, and the second round of investigation started. They even asked me intimate questions. The greatest question was from the girl's dad. I have a receding hairline, even though I am not bald. He looked at me and asked: "Well, is it only you who is bald in your family or is it a family thing?" Then I was about to just stand up and say bye, and I wish I had. But her mom came in, covered in veils like some ancient witch from the *One Thousand and One Arabian Nights* story. She did not even say hello because according to her culture she was not supposed to talk to me, a man she did not know. The fact that I could be her future son-in-law was just a fraction compared to the magnitude of the tradi-

tions she lived in.

Then I noticed I had met everyone in the household but the girl I was there to meet. So the father disappeared for a minute and came back pulling a quite good-looking blonde girl by her hand, the way you walk a dog on a lazy afternoon, you know, when the dog is sleepy and not into it.

He made her sit right opposite to me and said, "Well, ...talk!" He said it in a commanding fashion. I wondered how I could talk and get to know a person I was supposed to marry for the rest of my pathetic life with six other people in the so-little room.

Then the girl started her own investigation. "Well, what do you do? How much do you make?" She kept going with the same questions. I did not care for her questions because I knew the whole thing was over when I had met her caveman brother at the door, but I stayed there just to see how this Seinfeld episode was going to end. I was not really paying attention to her questions and answered ~~whatever~~ popped in my head, till she, being the perfect daddy's girl, came up with her last intellectual question in a rude fashion: "What time are your working hours at your job?" I was silent for like two minutes, looked her deep in the eyes and said, "Well, nine to five." Then her family members started asking me more questions, and her severely fat brother-in-law started discussing his eating habits with me and how he wants to improve them, and for no possible cause the girl stood up from her seat and left the room in a rude manner. Then I knew it was really over and left.

I enjoyed Chicago for the few days left. I felt sad for the bad experience and kept calling my best friend in Manchester to let it all out. There in Chicago I went to the top of the Sears tower, the second tallest structure in the world where you could take a wide look at five states. I stared around and moved my eyes back and forth to realize how big this world is. I promised myself to never limit myself to any tradition or stereotype. I promised myself to enjoy this big wide world with all its beauty. I decided to release myself from the age-old ignorance and the tribal instincts of socializing with, dating, and marrying one's own race or country. And I tell you I felt free,

for the first time ever.

I could not wait for my plane to land at the Manchester airport. There was my best friend rolling her deep dark eyes around looking for me to pick me up. The minute I lay my eyes on her again and saw her standing there with all the beauty in-

side and out, I ran to her, hugged her tight, and felt the warmth of her soft skin. I told her I had missed her. But I knew it was not only her I missed, I missed myself too because I did lose my free spirit when I was in the cage for so long.

Poems by Jaime Libby

passage

he moves in rhythm
and gently forgets
soft and warm
a mystery in depth
have we not been?
are we not seen?

a space enclosed
is where I now hide
I sift through these thoughts
my memories collide
am I alone again?
where did it all begin?

and when I stir
peering outside the space
my smile falls, sullen,
I tumble from grace
what beckons me without?
how do I escape doubt?

my freedom lies outside this hell
yet I am pulled underground
dragged down by my emotion
desperate to hold the love I've found
how much time must pass?
does love never last?

I see him ahead
denial becoming fear
shut down and untrue,
his beliefs unclear
what is his fate?
is he too late?

one single seed remains
looks to my heart for life
the choice is mine alone
I could escape this grief
can I stop looking behind?
do I rely now on my mind?

Days gone by

*Today is really noncommittal
the sun and clouds are intertwined
they swim together inside circles
perhaps they see much less than I
is this why they are so very bleak?
I think that they are simply lazy
unable to sway the other to leave
the energy for this persuasion
has long forgotten how to speak
as yellow and white blend into pale
I see a whisper of their glories
and feel a slipping of the truth
become a too-familiar story
a sight of grandeur turned to grey
sets my heart with sorrow creeping
as I remember days gone by.*

Starlight, Starbright

The force of energy comes alive
Growing slowly, the shining sight glimmers
As the star shoots across the sky
A streak of beauty in the twinkling light
Flashing makes the darkness bright
Arching gracefully towards the earth
Burns a path of perfect silence
For a moment all is peaceful
For eternity the memory remains.

The little girl with golden eyes stands,
Stunned in awe, she watches
With the innocence of a child
One more dream become reality,
Eyes following the tumbling star,
She watches it slowly fall
As the star floats to the earth,
Eyes and star meet;
The girl smiles brightly
Arms opened wide to the heavens,
She laughs with delight and waits
As the star settles slowly,
Gently coming to rest in the reaching arms
Of the golden-eyed girl, who
Made a dream from a blaze of light.
She holds the star inside her heart,
Confident they will never part.

In Absence

Exquisite kisses; tender passion,
Tears of salt he cries
Slowly fall, I see his mind
Turn, we sip one from the other,
Tastes of heaven
Thrilled together
Press of flesh, the silken skin
Eyes awake, no longer dim
Constant wonderment I feel
Gather sweetly in my mind.
Thoughts as rivers, deeply winding
Pulse, and I am slowly tumbled
Into love with him entwined.

Strands slip through my fingertips
Soft his sighs those of angels
Fragile eyelids, petaled lips
A soul of snow, purely divine
We are as silence
Calmly mimed
Adoration gleaming bright
Slips and falls, lashed lifting
Cascade of light - freefalling beams
His laughter breezes through the trees
And as the sky expands to wide
We wash away into the rain
Free to live and drenched alive.

momentary lapse

two circling orbs of light
twist and shake, desire flight
from each the other
as sister and brother
flickering within the night

this is the great paradox
these two lovers, starcrossed
meant for unity
split by reality
they dance inside the loss

a sorrow only too cold
the blackness is taking hold
a scream pierces the space
left within the heart's case
the desperation turns bold

why has this now become?
impassioned hatred has won
spiritless and violent
deadly and silent
locked in time to be as none

a fear too hopeless to feel
nightmare that has become real
mistakes that collided
a beauty divided
will time prove kindness can heal?

beginnings of a child
extremes falling down mild
a realized fear
a truth now clear
becomes purpose unbridled.

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By Ben DeGennaro

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Stomp

By Crystal Maruszak

The British percussion and dance group Stomp is blasting its way into theaters around the globe. The unique musical troupe consists of eight men and women who bring such forceful genius to their craft that it may well change the way you think about noise.

Stomp is the result of a 10-year collaboration between its creators, Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas. They first worked together in 1981 as members of a street band, Pookiesnabkenburger, and the theater group Cliff Hanger. They toured through the eighties, and after two albums, and a UK TV series, they produced the highly acclaimed "Bins" commercial for Heineken Lager and the "Ice Pick"

commercial for Coca-Cola. This proved to be the starting point for their future dustbin dance performances. They have recorded music for the "Tank Girl" soundtrack and have appeared on the Quincey Jones album "Q's Look Joint." They also did a series of commercials for the Target Stores, which won the "Best Campaign of the Year" award at the RM awards. Most recently they finished filming a video with Sesame Street. They've also appeared in numerous TV shows such as Mad About You, Penn & Tellers Sin City Spectacular, NBC Saturday Today, the Tonight Show and HBO. Or maybe you saw them on the 50th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards, which aired September 13.

Labeled a percussion group, Stomp's instruments of choice - garbage cans, lids, brooms, hubcaps, Zippo lighters, a kitchen-sink and other ordinary objects - place them outside the everyday realm of the "concert" category. Music, theater and dance all become irrelevant terms when these performers start moving about the stage with their various accessories and intricately choreographed moves. The energy they create and maintain is almost overpowering. It not only hits you physically with pulsating sounds and electrifying beats, it

makes you believe creativity is everyone's fingertips.

Having won an Olivier Award in London for "Best Choreographer" and an Obie in New York, a D'Adda Award for "Most Unique Theater Experience" and the Adelaide Award in Australia for "Best of the Festival," Stomp has proven popularity worldwide. In fact, demand for Stomp has been so high in the past that extra performances have had to be scheduled.

The noise level is just one of the primal appeal of Stomp's sounds and rhythms. Are you wondering how all this banging on garbage cans could appeal to so many people? All I can say is the combination of mundane "instruments" mixed with the amazing choreography and percussion makes for a comical, colorful music and art. Stomp has the ability to make us feel that we're all part of some degree.

So, are you interested in Stomp? They are Stomping their way into your town soon. Stomp is going to be performing at the Wilbur Theatre in Boston on January 2, 2000. As long as you are not unduly afraid of loud noises, Stomp puts on a performance you would be so lucky to miss.

Intramural sports

By Peter Tufts

Tennis

The first Intramural Tennis Tournament was held this fall. The 12 participants were Daniel Rodriguez, Brendon MacMahon, Marcus Lougren, Brian Seaborne, Michael Bolduc, Francisco Marquez, Nicolai Padoan, Tugul Izmilier, Jessica Labreque, Carl Levgren, Puru Pandey and Alfonzo Matute. Padoan played Lougren in the finals. Marcus Lougren is the Singles Champion for the Fall of 1999.

Football

The No Names played the Nuggets in the first semifinal game of the Intramural Football League. The No Names prevailed by the score of 32-0. The second semifinal pitted the undefeated F-Bombs against the Jabrones. In a close battle, the F-Bombs won by the score of 21-14.

The final game was a great battle between the #1 seed, F-Bombs, and the #2 seed, No

Names. The No Names scored on an interception by Steve P. The F-Bombs answered on a pass from Toby Heath to W. Millett. The No Names then scored two touchdowns to take a 14-0 lead. The touchdowns were: on short passes from Mike P. to Ryan Paradise and to Delaney. The F-Bombs closed the gap to 18-12 on a pass from P. to Millett, but it was not enough. No Names won the Intramural Football Championship by the score of 18-12.

Indoor Soccer

Ten teams played in the Indoor Soccer League. Four teams qualified for the tournament: Columbia, Istanbul United, International and Rearranged. The final game matched the undefeated Columbia team against the Istanbul United team. The Columbia team became the champion by winning the game 3-0.



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Penmen

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Larrabee, Silvio Pupino and Sotirios Karapostolou are expected to make a big impact. Lavolpicelo, New Hampshire's Class I player of the year last year, became one of 11 guys to score over 2,000 points in his high school career. Larrabee was named player of the year by the Albany Times Union in Class A. Karapostolou is talented enough to jump right into the starting lineup and Pupino is a three-point threat.

The Penmen opened up their year on Nov. 19 in the Sheraton Four Points Classic tournament at NHC. They beat Assumption College and advanced to the finals of the four team tournament; however, they lost in the championship game to St. Anselm College.

Since then the team hasn't lost, winning their last four games. Their overall record is 5-1, and they are 1-0 in the conference. The latest game was Saturday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. at NHC. NHC won that game with a score of 87-70.

Play hockey!

By Pat Rogers

The New Hampshire College hockey team is coming off an impressive season last year when they were 17-8-2 and went all the way to the championship series in Division II. This year they will have to adjust to Division III hockey, as Division II hockey was removed

from the NCAA. The team also has to adjust to a new coach, Rene LeClerc.

The Penmen have 19 players coming back from last year, including (F) Rich Miller and (F) Chuck Croteau. Miller had 24 goals and 23 assists, while Croteau, the team's leading scorer, had 24 goals and 26 assists.

NHC has lost six players, including (D) Jean-Marc deGrandpre, (G) Nick Roussel and (D) Rob Miller.

Other NHC players who are returning include (F) Dan Roy, (F) Scott Proulx, (F) Nick Nugent, (F) Mike Cesere, (D) Chris Holland, (D) Tom Fielding, (D) Steve Acropolis, (D) Bryan Favreau, (F) Kyle Lapane and (F) Shaun Sleeper.

A few newcomers to watch are (F) Matt Nee, (F) Doug Place

and (F) Nick Ianniello.

The team led off their season with a 5-4 overtime win over Plymouth State College. Favreau tallied the game winner at 2:27 of the overtime period. The Penmen have gone 5-2 on the season thus far. Then they played at Johnson and Wales on December 11. NHC won that game with a score of 11-4.

Women's basketball off to a respectable start

By Pat Rogers

The New Hampshire College women's basketball team is coming off a 0-27 season last winter. Head coach Dennis Masi, in his first year, knows the tough job that awaits him. He inherits a program that last had a winning season nine years ago.

The Penwomen return seven players from last year, including senior Kristy Woodill, who averaged a team high 16.1 points last year. Woodill was second in the conference last year in three pointers, with 79. She needs just two three pointers to break the all-time NHC record for most in a career. Also returning to the lineup are seniors Jen Robinson and Tynae Gaston and junior Loretta Kavanaugh. Robinson averaged 8.3 points and 4.5 rebounds last season. Gaston, who missed seven games last year, averaged 7.9 points per game. Kavanaugh, who started 25 games last year, averaged 8.0 points. The addition of Elise Sharkey, a transfer student from conference foe University of Bridgeport, will add another scorer. She nailed 66 three pointers last year, averaging 11.4 points per game. Also returning to the team are sophomores Heidi Skelton and Shannon Boynton. Newcomers to the team are sophomore Kelly Sorfleet and freshmen Sarah Bajda, Jaime McBath and Nicole Curci.

The team opened up at St. Michael's College in the St. Michael's Tippoﬀ Classic. NHC swept the two games to snap a 27 game losing streak. Since the tournament, NHC has lost their last three games. NHC next played on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. NHC won that game with a score of 75-67.

SPORTS

Presti, NHC and Yankees win!

By Matt Neily and
Chris Thompson

"Yankees win! The Yankees win!" These are the words Tom Presti lives by. He first envisioned Yankee pinstripes when he made a trip to the Bronx with his father, Bill, when he was only five years old. He has always loved the Yanks. Some of his greatest memories are of the Yankees. "Watching Jim Leyritz hit the game-tying homer in the '96 World Series is something I will never forget," says Presti with a grin from ear to ear.

Presti's life long dream of being a part of baseball's "Team of the Century" finally turned to reality when he got a phone call last April from Andy Baharlias, an executive with the New York Yankees. Presti was going to work for the "boys of summer" in the job of his dreams. This dream goes all the way back to grade school when he used to tell his teachers he was going to work for the New York Yankees one day.

Presti, a junior Sport Management major

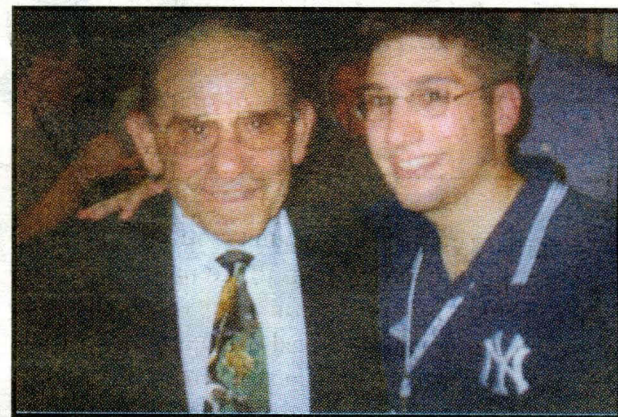
from Bethel, Connecticut, caught his first break a few days before the 1998 World Series. Adam Davidoff, another New Hampshire College Sport Management major and former intern in Media Relations for the New York Yankees, needed media runners to help him out during games one and two of the series. Presti was more than happy to do anything he could to get his foot in the door. This was also when he first realized that he too could be a Yankee employee someday soon.

Presti started his internship on May 10 and his first five days with the Yankees were devastating. The Yankees were 0-for-5 and he was nicknamed "Jinxie" by his co-workers. However, this did not discourage him from working his hardest and doing anything he had to do to make the right impression. "From day one, I sensed that Tom was a person I could trust and count on," said the Director of Media Relations, Rick

Cerrone. This was evident in Presti's 120-mile daily commute to and from the stadium along with putting in more than sixty hours per week throughout the season. During one week he managed to work an astonishing 106 hours.

Then came the perfect game! "It's a day like this that makes those long days seem worthwhile," says Presti. On July 18, 1999, David Cone pitched the masterpiece. It was Yogi Berra Day and Yogi was there to catch the first pitch, from Don Larsen, who threw a perfect game in the 1956 World Series. How ironic. "It was a special day. It was Yogi Berra Day," says Presti. In the hours leading up to Cone's Perfecto, Presti had the pleasure of meeting Yankee greats such as Berra, Larsen, Phil Rizzuto and Don Mattingly.

As the game progressed, the day got better. After the sixth inning, Presti was informed that he had to be prepared just in case something special happened. He proceeded to prepare the interview room and issued additional media credentials. "I couldn't believe Cone was about to throw a perfect game!" says Presti. As soon as Scott Brosius caught the final out, Presti and his boss Jason Zillo rushed to the clubhouse to prepare for post-game festivities. Presti stood by Cone's locker as the team



Tom Presti (right) poses with baseball legend Yogi Berra (photo taken by Rick Cerrone).

rushed in. Cone proceeded to shake everyone's hands in the clubhouse including Presti's. "This is just one more moment that I will never forget," reflected Presti. Besides the Yankees winning the World Series, this was the defining moment of the summer.

As the season ended and the post-season began, the work got harder and the hours became longer. Presti was asked to find media runners for the post-season. Throughout the post-season, other NHC Sport Management students - Matt Neily, Chris Thompson, Devlin Cotter and Adam Davidoff - were among the 20 media runners invited by Presti to volunteer. "I never realized how difficult it was to be in charge of a large group. This was my greatest learning experience," stated Presti.

All of the long hours and hard work definitely paid off the moment Chad Curtis caught the final out of the 1999 World Series, number

twenty-five for the Yanks. Presti sums up the moment by saying, "I've never heard a crowd that loud, and I've never felt such pride in my life. Winning the World Series gave me a real sense of accomplishment." While Presti celebrated with the team in the locker room, he was careful to look around and understand what was really happening. One would have to be there to understand the feeling.

"As I rode on the victory parade I realized how lucky I was to be put in this situation. Without meeting the right people while at NHC, I would have never been able to experience this," Presti remarked. Aside from making a lifetime's worth of memories, he made the right impression on his superiors. "He was professional past his years and a diligent worker. Tom always paid attention to what his supervisors had to say," summed up Assistant Media Relations Director Jason Zillo. "It was good to work with a kid like Presti."



Tom Presti (right) poses with Yankee pitcher David Cone (photo taken by Rick Cerrone).

Penmen ready to rip up the NECC

By Pat Rogers

The New Hampshire College men's basketball team, led by Stan Spirou in his 15th year, is once again one of the favorites in the NECC this upcoming season. The Pen-

men were 20-9 last season, claiming their second straight NECC conference title, and were in the NCAA tournament for the eighth consecutive year.

The team has lost

two key starters in Orlando "Bino" Ranson and Tarik Sheppard. They returned seniors Bobby Miller and Mitch Filson to the lineup along with junior Ryan Chartrand, who played only four games last season. Miller, who averaged 14.4 points and 7.0 rebounds per game last year, also led the team in steals with 63. Filson averaged 7.4 points last year and Chartrand, who shot

47% from beyond the arch, averaged 11.8 points in the four games last season.

Carlington Bent, Tim Lee, Jeff Thompson, Ioannis Foutsitzis and Namdi Williams are returning sophomores on the team.

This year's freshman class is one of the most talented the college has seen in a long time. Newcomers Steve Lavolpicelo, Brian

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